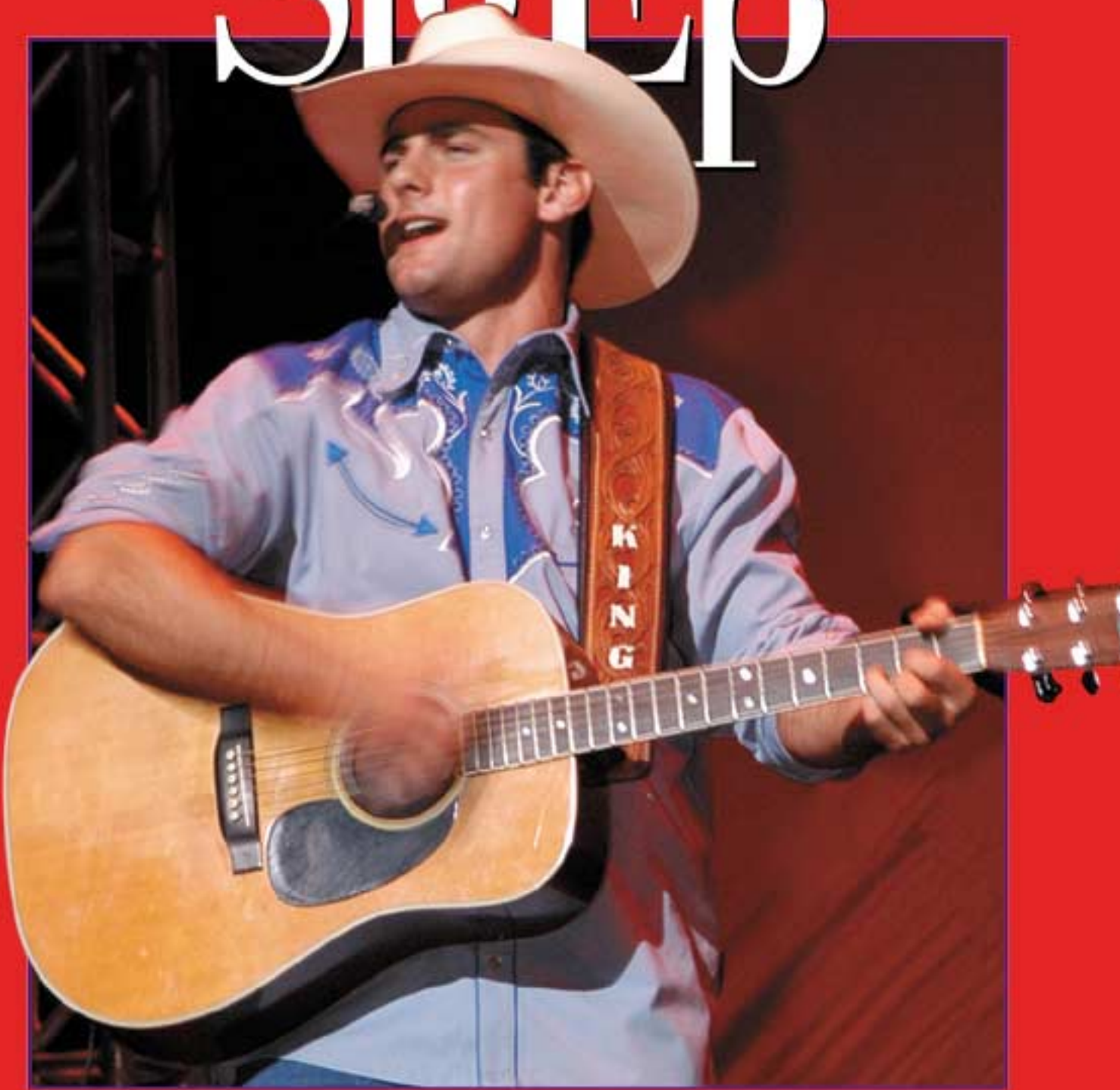


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Chapter President King Cone, Texas '04, and
1300 Brothers at the San Antonio Conclave



Grand President James F. Robeson, Cincinnati '59, lives with his wife, Teddi, in Oxford, Ohio, where he was Dean of the School of Business Administration at Miami of Ohio University. Before being elected Grand President at the 2003 Grand Chapter Conclave, Brother Robeson served as the Grand Treasurer on the National Board of Directors for six years.

Letter from the Grand President

Dear Brothers and Friends of SigEp,

Some people take the position that Tiger Woods is the greatest golfer of all time. Others say it's still too early to tell. They say, "Let's wait to see if he meets the 'test of time.' Let's see how he measures up over time when compared to Nicklaus, Snead, and Hogan."

One person's greatness is unchallenged—Lance Armstrong. His triumph over adversity is truly remarkable, but I suggest that isn't what makes him great. What makes him great is five consecutive wins of the most grueling cycling contest in the world while overcoming adversity—consistent excellence over time.

I believe our Fraternity is on the verge of greatness and that should be our goal. What does this mean to us and our efforts for the next two years?

We are arguably, the best college fraternity in the world today.

We are the largest fraternity in the world, with 15,000 undergraduate members in 262 chapters and more than 247,000 lifetime members. For the past 20 years, Sigma Phi Epsilon has been selected as the fraternity of choice by more men than any other. New members tell us they join our Fraternity because SigEp is proud of the right things—the important things—each individual SigEp is learning how to live his best life. It's about the Balanced Man Ideal, developing a Sound Mind and a Sound Body.

Our chapter houses are becoming living and learning environments. Residential Learning Communities have faculty who keep office hours in the house. We are tearing out bars and replacing them with computer facilities, libraries, and study areas. It's paying off.

Today almost half of our chapters are above the all-campus average. In short, the average student in half of our SigEp chapters is doing better academically than the average student on campus. Thirty-one chapters are in the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse with a GPA above 3.15.

Our Leadership Continuum of New Member Camps, Carlson Leadership Academies, the Ruck Leadership Institute, the *Balanced Man Quest to Greece*, and now the Volunteer College is paying great dividends.

Our retention rate for 2001-2002 was 95.2 percent, the highest in the fraternity world. The

next highest rate was 84.9 percent. Our average chapter size in 2001-2002 was 54—again, the best in the fraternity world.

Like Tiger Woods, we are a very good Fraternity, perhaps the best Fraternity. But we are not yet a great fraternity. Greatness is achieved with consistent excellence over time—excellence for an extended period of time.

While more men join SigEp than any other fraternity, our recruitment efforts can always be improved. We will work hard to improve our recruitment programs.

Our leadership and brotherhood development programs are the envy of almost every other fraternity. But they have not yet met the test of time. We need to improve the consistency of our programming so that every chapter has an opportunity to not only participate in but to benefit from these programs.

Our New Member Camps are an exciting addition. But last year, only half of our new members had an opportunity to attend. By the end of 2005, we should be able to say that every new member has been given that opportunity.

We have many very good, highly dedicated volunteers. But again, we don't have enough volunteers. We need to recruit, train, and motivate volunteers so every chapter has at least three to five volunteers working with it on a continuing basis.

Every chapter has a Chapter Plan. That said, they are not all equal. Every chapter should have a Chapter Plan that is meaningful and truly expresses the goals and aspirations of the chapter. And when this plan has been developed and everyone in the chapter agrees that it is the right plan, then the real work begins, the work to accomplish the chapter's goals.

I know this sounds like two years of hard work. It is. And we can only be successful if everyone—undergraduates, alumni, and staff—works together in a coordinated effort.

But it will all be worth it when everyone who sees our Greek letters says, "**There goes a SigEp. That's a great fraternity.**"

Can we do it? Well, I know one thing. Everyone in this Fraternity took a vow upon his honor to do his very best. So let's get it done!

Fraternally,

James F. Robeson
Grand President

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Understanding the Impact of Brotherly Love

By John D. Kolinofsky, North Texas '04 jdktxbeta@yahoo.com

The Conclave was an amazing experience for me. Having the opportunity to celebrate Sigma Phi Epsilon with brothers from all over the country is wonderful and fulfilling. I served as a delegate during the legislative process and saw how important the undergraduates are to the Fraternity. Attending all of the dinners and luncheons was a real learning experience as well. The most important luncheon I attended was the Brotherhood Luncheon. When the Necrology was read and all of the brothers and friends in the room were standing as every name was called, I felt a real connection to people I had never met.

Before that luncheon I was unaware of what the Honor of Philias was about. I knew it was started by one of our alumni, Jack Wheeler (Past Grand

President and Order of the Golden Heart Recipient **Jack D. Wheeler, North Texas '61**). I also knew how much Jack Wheeler understood

the value of Brotherly Love, from many of the conversations I have had with him. However, I was not aware of how powerful that particular cardinal principal could be until the luncheon. The two alumni from Oklahoma State (**James N. Blazer, Oklahoma State '67**



Brother Kolinofsky, left, with Brother Wheeler (seated) at the Grand Chapter Conclave.

and **James D. McKellar, Jr., Oklahoma State '68**) displayed a wonderful amount of Brotherly Love toward their chapter brother, **Ray Murphy (Oklahoma State '68)** who had been paralyzed in a wrestling match. Their care and love of Brother Murphy helped him succeed for over 30 years. Their commitment was inspiring and showed me what is possible.

I am grateful I was able to share that experience with all of the other SigEps from around the country. It had a substantial effect on the brothers in my chapter, and we returned to the University of North Texas with a clear vision of what this Fraternity stands for and how to continually strive to be the best.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Greeks" Article Gets A Second Look

While this article [Summer Issue, "You Mean the Greeks Were Right?"] may have had good intentions and attempted to demonstrate why the Mediterranean diet may have health benefits, the correlation to the USDA (not FDA) food pyramid is invalid. The USDA food pyramid (sometimes referred to as the FDA food pyramid) has been shown to be directly related to the increasing obesity rates and associated health problems among Americans. Making references to the USDA/FDA pyramid was invalid and only perpetuates the idea that this pyramid promotes a healthy diet. Fortunately, the article does go into specifics of how often the different food types were eaten by Mediterraneans, which is in contradiction to the USDA food pyramid. However, the average reader isn't going to understand the differences.

I hope that you make the appropriate corrections and/or editorial notes in the upcoming issue of *The Journal* to correct the potential misconceptions that this article may generate. Fraternalty yours,

Scott E. Perkins, Virginia Tech '84

This diet is NOT suited for the vast majority of Americans.

I'm in Italy three to four months of each year, and there are huge differences in the environments of Italy and the U.S.

Italy does NOT have land to raise lots of meat animals. Meat is vastly more expensive in Italy than it is in the U.S. and the quality is quite inferior.

The majority of pasta and bread consumed in Italy is from white flour. They eat a huge amount of simple carbohydrates which the typical American cannot possibly consume without lots of problems. Eat two pounds of pasta and a dozen cups of espresso for one week, no meat or fruit, and see what happens. Even if you liberally douse it with olive oil, you'll have a monstrosity hard time.

If you dig into the root meaning of Italian dialects, you will find the concept of a meal being bread with accompaniments. Literally, everything other than bread is a flavoring for the bread, not a true meal component.

Please consider re-addressing this article. Promoting a healthy diet for SigEp is a great idea. Promoting an inappropriate diet is not. The "conclusion" that eating like a 1960s Mediterranean Italian is appropriate for young American men is not only fallacious, it is dangerous.

Fred H. Thompson, Illinois '89

Editor: The intention of this article was to show how the Mediterranean diet in the 1960s led to the lowest rates of chronic illness, including heart disease and obesity, and had the highest life expectancy. If every SigEp exercised daily and his diet included fruits, vegetables, nuts, and olive oil, then it is possible he would experience some of the same health benefits.

Red Door Notes

CHAPTER HOUSE PROFILES



The tradition of the red door on Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter houses began on the campus of Syracuse University, New York Alpha in 1928. Today, nearly every Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter home has a red door to welcome SigEp brothers. The original house and red door is pictured to the right. This building is now the International Students Center, and Sigma Phi Epsilon has another magnificent home for its red door.



Mississippi Beta — Mississippi State

- At 19,500 square feet, this chapter house is “the largest fraternity house in the Southeastern Conference.” It has 26 suite style bedrooms with a capacity of 52.
- There is a chapter room, game room, commercial sized kitchen, bike room, and an alumni room with a conference table for Alumni & Volunteer Corporation (A&VC) meetings.
- Behind the chapter house there is a full basketball and volleyball court. The A&VC is preparing to pave the driveway and paint the exterior of the chapter house.



D.C. Alpha — George Washington

- This state of the art four-story Townhouse was built during the 2002 academic year and sleeps 30 men. It is part of the University’s Townhouse Row, a city block of townhouses for fraternities and sororities. The SigEp Townhouse is one of the largest and occupies the corner of 23rd and F Street.
- There are 10 men who live on each of the top three floors. Each room has high speed internet connections and four of the rooms on each floor share a bathroom, while one room on each floor has its own bathroom. The chapter shares an elevator with the Alpha Phi Sorority.



Indiana Alpha — Purdue

- One of the Fraternity’s most historic homes, this chapter house sleeps 87 brothers.
- It has a history room with archives of the chapter dating back to 1907.
- There is a sun room with a conference table, where the A&VC holds its meetings.



Texas Alpha — Texas

- Built in 1980, the chapter house is a Georgian-style home located close to the University in the heart of the West Campus.
- The three story house can sleep up to forty men. It boasts a full basketball court, TV room, library, dining hall, meeting and study room, baby grand piano, and an outdoor patio with a Texas-style barbecue pit.

Campaign for Miami of Ohio's Magnificent New Home

For nearly 50 years, the Ohio Eta Chapter was housed at 224 East Church Street in Oxford, Ohio. During those years, the chapter saw over 1,400 young men pass through its red doors. And at nine consecutive Conclaves, the chapter received a Buchanan Cup for excellence. Times have changed.

In March of 1994, the Oxford Fire Marshall condemned the chapter house. A period of neglect and disrepair led to this unfortunate event. As a result, the house would be demolished five months later, and for the next 10 years, Ohio Eta would not have a permanent home.

No permanent home on a campus where one-third of all students belong to one of more than 50 Greek-letter organizations. Four fraternities, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta, and Phi Kappa Tau, were all founded at Miami, as well as Delta Zeta Sorority. Having no permanent home essentially meant a never-ending struggle to survive. Without the dedication of its Alumni and Volunteer Corporation, the chapter would not be in the strong – that's right – strong position it enjoys today.



Undergraduates with SigEp Director of Housing John D. Weir at the groundbreaking for the new chapter house.

Construction began on a \$1.5 million property for SigEp at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, on June 14, 2003. This victory was the result of a successful fund-raising campaign, not the fact that Ohio Eta owned a very valuable, debt-free piece of property and crucial loans from a local private lender and the National Housing Corporation.

To learn more about how you can be a part of the Campaign for Miami of Ohio email **Joseph Etter** at etter.jh@pg.com.



At 12,000 square feet, the chapter house will be substance free and have office space for a faculty advisor.

Throughout the 1990s, dedicated alumni led the effort to find alternate housing for the chapter. After two fund-raising efforts did not generate the needed results, the Alumni and Volunteer Corporation (A&VC) evaluated its position and learned three important elements for a successful campaign. It would need to expand the role of the A&VC, enlist a professional fund-raising organization specializing in fundraising for fraternities, and keep the alumni and undergraduate chapter informed every step of the way.

Expanding the role of the A&VC meant getting the right men to work on the campaign. A Campaign Committee was formed with **Joseph H. Etter, '73**, **William M. "Doc" Gordon, '57**, and **Scott H. Shadrick, '71**, working as Co-Chairs of the national campaign. **Herbert B. Glasgow, '74**, worked as the Campaign Coordinator. A separate Building Committee was led by **Bob Albright, '51**. This committee created plans for the new chapter home and selected architects and contractors.

The newly expanded A&VC then selected Ron Rietdorf & Associates as the fund-raising firm, and a feasibility study was conducted for Ohio Eta. At the end of six months, the results were promising. The campaign set a \$500,000 fund-raising goal, and in January, 2003, "The Campaign for Ohio Eta" was officially launched. In May, 2003, the Campaign Committee raised the goal to the present \$750,000 level.

The A&VC committed to a well-thought-out and aggressive program of communications with both alumni and undergraduates. This meant utilizing the Internet and email along with production and mailing of interesting and informative newsletters. Finally, a well-planned annual event gives alumni a reason to visit campus, evoking a sense of nostalgia and enthusiasm for SigEp. Information on the status of the campaign, along with a wealth of supporting documentation, is posted on the chapter's website, www.orgs.muohio.edu/musigep. A list serve for alumni was established by Miami University, and newsletters are mailed out a minimum of twice a year. Every June, during Alumni Weekend, alumni and undergraduates gather for the "Event in the Tent" held on the property where the chapter house is being constructed.

This approach has proven successful for the campaign. To date, more than \$540,000 has been pledged. The campaign will conclude in the Spring of 2004, with the new chapter house scheduled to open in time for the 2004-2005 academic year.

BY THE NUMBERS

Original Founding: **1948**

Total Lifetime Members: **1,641**

Current Membership: **60**

GPA: **3.05**

Buchanan Cups Won: **'73, '75, '77, '79, '81, '83, '85, '87, '89**

Chapter Installations

THE GROWTH OF EXCELLENCE

DePaul, Illinois Xi, the 14th Chapter in Illinois

On the evening of June 28, 2003, Sigma Phi Epsilon chartered its 364th chapter at DePaul University.

A unique institution with two main campuses in the city of Chicago makes for a different chapter experience than most. Today, the chapter is the largest fraternity on a campus with no Greek housing and has one of the top GPAs.

Chapter & History

The roots of the chapter go back to the Fall of 2000, when the initial expansion at DePaul University was launched. Most recruiting took place on the Lincoln Park Campus, the 'traditional' campus with residence halls and various campus buildings. Some recruiting took place on the Loop Campus, located in the heart of downtown Chicago. The Loop Campus is purely commuter as the "campus" is clustered in several skyscrapers.

The Balanced Man Ideal attracted the initial group of SigEps, who had a desire to be a part of something different, and it continues to hold true. Academic standards are the highest on campus—men must have a 2.75 GPA to remain in good standing. The chapter sponsored a TIPS training program for its Greek community during the 2001 Alcohol Awareness Week.

Brothers are highly involved in student life with the Student Government Association, holding both Cabinet and Senate positions. They also hold Executive Board positions on Up 'Til Dawn—St. Jude's Hospital philanthropy, Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity, Catholic Student Union, United Muslims Moving Ahead, Asian Cultural Exchange, and several other organizations.

Living the Balanced Man Ideal

For the men of Illinois Xi, the city of Chicago provides many opportunities to achieve the Balanced Man



Six of the first "Original Seven;" from left to right: Micheal K. Seraphin, '02, Don A. Barche, '03, Robert B. Sanoshy, '02, Jason M. Pettite '02, Nick D. Niziolek, '02, and Ruchir R. Gandhi, '02.



Eric W. Werner, '05, Danish N. Meherally, '04, Mark C. Dugan, '04, Daniel A. Levin '05

Ideal. Each semester the chapter has a Cultural Food Night, where brothers cook different ethnic foods and educate each other on the history of each dish. They had an outing to the Art Institute. Brothers have made presentations to the chapter on testicular cancer, and the chapter co-sponsored a Breast Cancer Awareness program with a sorority. For Sound Body, the chapter has organized trips to the gym, and it has a monthly newsletter with a section devoted to health, fitness, and nutrition.

Volunteer Support

A number of alumni from different chapters comprise the Alumni and Volunteer Corporation, including **Gabriel L. Stanek, Wisconsin, '98, Neil J. Hoover, Ohio, '00, Scott A. Schwartz, Iowa, '93, Pascal J. De Hesselle,**

Lawrence Technological, '95, Eric D. Muschlitz, Connecticut, '92, and Christian A. Saccameno, Creighton, '99.

There is also support from within the DePaul academic community—**Marsha Carrasco, Program Coordinator for**

Greek Life, Suzanne Kilgannon, DePaul University's Director of Student Life, DePaul University's Interfraternity Council, DePaul University's Panhellenic Council, and DePaul University's Multi-Cultural Greek Council. The Illinois Lambda Chapter (Northwestern) also provided an immense amount of moral support for the new chapter.

Campus Environment

DePaul University was founded in 1898 by the Vincentians. It is the largest Catholic university in the nation and the largest private institution in Chicago with over 23,000 students. Currently, there are six North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) fraternities on campus, 14 Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) groups, and four Panhellenic Council sororities on campus.

BY THE NUMBERS

GPA: 3.01

Club Athletes: Tennis, Basketball, Flag Football, and Softball

Total Life Members: 68

Current Undergraduate Membership: 45

"By believing passionately in something which still does not exist, we create it."

—**NIKOS KAZANTZAKIS**

SigEp Sports—Spring Wrap Up *by Jay Langhammer*

Baseball

A key player for the 39-21 **Georgia Southern** squad was All-Southern Conference first team outfielder Brendon Gilligan, '03. The team's third-leading hitter with a .329 average, Brendon led with 45 walks; ranked second in runs scored (49) and at bats (216); and tied for second in hits (71). Brendon also had 13 doubles, four triples and 32 runs batted in. He was named SoCon Player of the Week after getting 10 hits in 14 at bats in a three-games series versus East Tennessee State. Seeing action on the mound for the 27-16 **Bucknell** NCAA Division I playoff team was Eric Steinbach, '05. Taking his **Ohio State** squad to a 44-21 record and berth in the NCAA Division I super regionals (final 16) was head coach Robert B. Todd, Missouri, '71.

A solid hitter for **Truman State** was second baseman Adam R. Davis, '06, who batted .336 (45 of 134) with 26 runs scored. Teammate Andrew P. Paul, '05, who hit three homers and drove in 16 runs, was on the MIAA Commissioners Academic Honor Roll. Key regulars for **Missouri-Rolla** were pitcher Timothy J. Walter, '03, (4-2 in 10 games), third baseman Zachary J. Hawks, '04, (.257), and shortstop Nathan D. Palmer, '05, (.273). Pitching for **Central Arkansas** were Justin T. Carroll, '04, (2-0) and Clint W. Griggs, '04, (1-1).

Seven SigEps were leading players for **Denison**. All-NCAC first team shortstop Brian J. Regan, '04, set a school record with 12 home runs and hit .395 (64 of 152). He led in runs scored (64) and stolen bases (22) while driving in 39 runs. Pitcher Harry G. Shillingford, '05, was 5-1 with 33 strikeouts in 39.1 innings and teammate Dallas J. Puskar, '06, led in games pitched (18) and earned runs average (3.06). Other good Denison performers were outfielder Brian P. Mulcahy, '05, who started 20 games, outfielder John H. "Tripp" Dudley, '05, (.315), outfielder Kelsey Kramer, '04, (.333), and catcher Jacob C. Hummel, '06, (.312).

Leading 31-17 **Ohio Wesleyan** to the Division III playoffs were five SigEps. Gaining All-NCAC honorable mention was outfielder Travis J. Falk, '03, who hit .329 (49 of 149) with 42 runs, 28 RBI and three homers. Leading with 17 stolen bases was outfielder Michael T. Albert, '04, who batted .321 (43 of 143) with 28 runs and 22 RBI.

Pitcher Shaun T. Burchett, '03, had a 6-2 record, was in a co-high 15 games and ranked second with 47 strikeouts. Also contributing as backups were outfielders Matthew G. Strasburg, '05, (.385) and David C. Schaub, '03, (.231).

The top pitcher for 25-11 **Westminster** was All-PAC second teamer Matthew A. Pournaras, '03, who led the PAC with a 1.93 ERA and posted a 7-1 record. He was named to the Verizon Academic All-District II



Justin C. Ray, Colorado Mines '05

team and also batted .364 (16 of 44) with three homers. Teammate Craig T. Rechichar, '04, was 3-0 with a 3.42 ERA.

Seeing a lot of action for **Moravian** were first baseman Jeffrey W. Meila, '03, who hit .260 (25 of 96) with 17 RBI, and DH Bryan S. Wolf, '06, who started 13 games and hit .231. Batting .290 (20 of 69) with 16 RBI for

Monmouth was outfielder Jeremy Przybylo, '03, while outfielder Giovan V. Scialdone, '05, of 23-8 Clarkson hit .254 (19 of 59). Others seeing action on the diamond included outfielder Justin C. Ray, '05, of **Colorado Mines**, who batted .318 (14 of 44); the **W.P.I.** duo of first baseman James R. Buonomo, '04, (leader with 12 doubles) and outfielder Jason L. LaPointe, '03, (stolen base leader); pitcher Joseph A. Guistina, '03, of **Susquehanna**; pitcher Joshua G. Golden, '03, of **Huntingdon**; second baseman Matthew H. Sorge, '05, of **M.I.T.**; infielder William N. Macaluso, '05, of **Loyola (New Orleans)**; and the **Lambuth** duo of infielders Nathan B. Cantrell, '06, and Josh A. Adkisson, '04.

Named to the Atlantic Coast Conference 50th Anniversary Team was outfielder E. William Scripture, **Wake Forest**, '64. A two-time All-American and three-time All-ACC selection, he led the Deacons to two ACC titles and College World Series berths in 1962-1963. Inducted into the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame was former major league third baseman David L. Chalk, **Texas**, '72. Now serving the Toronto Blue Jays as minor league batting instructor is longtime major league outfielder and coach Mervin W. Rettenmund, **Ball State**, '65.



Brian P. Mulcahy, Denison '05



Dan A. Luke, Mississippi '03



Brian Kurylo, Moravian '04



Kelly Basinger, Georgia '04

Golf

Competing at the NCAA Division I championship for **Washington** was Conner H. Robbins, '03. Over 37 rounds, he averaged 75.49 with a low round of 66 (in a 213 total) at the Waikoloa Intercollegiate. He also placed fifth (218) at the Ping/Golfweek Preview and tied for 23rd (300) at the Pacific-10 championship. The third-best shooter for **Mississippi** was Jarrod P. Gardner, '05, who averaged 73.97 over 29 rounds. He shot a low round of 68 in an 11th place tie (213) at the Beau Cheyne Collegiate and tied for 11th at the Palencia meet. The number two shooter for **Loyola Marymount** was Andrew Patterson, '06, who averaged 75.78.

Four SigEps saw action on the links for **Marshall**, Brad Tweel, '05 gained All-MAC academic selection and averaged 76.94 over 36 rounds with a low of 69. Averaging 77.86 for 22 rounds was Derek Hurwitch, '06, who tied for 19th (219) at the Xavier/Provident Invitational. Also playing for Marshall were Jeremy Graham, '06, who played 16 rounds (80.19 average) and Burke Spensky, '03 (73.67 for three rounds).

Earning All-Ivy League honors for **Pennsylvania** was Endel Lias, '03, who tied for fourth (227) at the Ivy League meet. Tyler Garrett, '05 shot at a 76.16 clip for **Texas A & M**, and Jon Kropski, '04,

saw action for **Davidson**. Named team MVP at **Missouri-Rolla** was Craig Dudenhofer, '03, who averaged 76.5 for the season. He earned All-MIAA honors with a second place tie (221) at the MIAA meet and placed 11th (227) at the NCAA Division II Central Regional.

Bill Hallan, '04, helped lead **Denison** to ninth place (out of 23 teams) at the NCAA Division III national meet. He tied for 48th at the NCAA meet; earned All-NCAC second team honors with a 7th place tie (152) at the NCAC meet; and placed third at the Denison Spring Invitational. Scott Voelker, '05, was team MVP at **Westminster** and tied for fourth place at the PAC meet. Brian Kurylo, '04, of **Moravian** averaged 80.6 over 17 rounds, tied for eighth at the Moravian Fall Invitational and tied for 17th at the MAC meet. Teammate Jason Pozniak, '03, an 82.7 shooter for 16 rounds, tied for third at the Glenmaura National Invitational and was fifth at the Susquehanna Invitational.

Matt Hawkins, '05, of **Monmouth** earned MWC Player of the Week honors after taking Medalist honors at the Monmouth Invitational. Ben Nichols, '03, of **Baker** earned All-HCAC honors after tying for eighth place at the HCAC meet.

Track and Field

Placing seventh in the decathlon with 7,052 points at the SEC outdoor championship was Kelly Basinger, '04, of **Georgia**. He won the decathlon at the Sea Ray Relays and reached career bests during the season in the pole vault (14-9), javelin (170-7), long jump (21-0) and 110 high hurdles (16.21). Matt Mulvaney, '04, of **Miami** (Florida) placed second in the 5,000 meter run at the indoor Gator Invitational; fifth in the 3,000 steeplechase (8:43.95) at the indoor Florida Intercollegiate; and placed 11th in the 5,000 at the Big East indoor meet. Frank Rodriguez, '02, of **Long Beach State** earned All-Big West Conference honors with a third place javelin throw (202-2) at the Big West meet.

Tom Morley, '06, was a member of the **Rutgers** 3,200-meter relay that placed fourth at the Big East outdoor meet and sixth at the outdoor IC4A meet. Mark Middaugh, '06, of **Duke** had the team's best outdoor 400 time (50.95) and also competed in the 100 (11.91), 200 (23.32) and 1,600 sprint medley relay. Indoors, he had Duke's best 400 time (51.79). Scott Simpson, '05, of **Columbia** placed 14th in the Heptagonal 3,000 steeplechase event. Hurdler Darrell Perry, '03, competed for **Bucknell** at the Patriot League indoor meet.

Varsity Athletes

SOUND BODY ALL RIGHT T W I ND MINDS



Mark Middaugh, Duke '06

Matt Larson, '04, set several school records for **Valparaiso**. At the indoor Mid-Continent Conference meet, he set a record in the weight throw (47-2 1/4) in a ninth place finish. Outdoors, he set a record in the hammer throw (141-6) with a ninth place finish at the MCC meet and also placed 10th in the discus. **Davidson** co-captain Jimmy Swansbrough, '03, placed sixth in the 3,000 steeplechase at the Southern Conference meet and was also 12th at 1,500 meters. Teammate Ben Gaspar, '04, was 13th at 5,000 meters during the SoCon event.

Cam Felton, '05, of **North Dakota** placed fifth at 1,000 meters during the indoor NCC meet and was 12th in the 800 at the outdoor NCC event. Competing in sprint events for **Florida International** was Jimmy Josko, '05. Adam Hadbavny, '06, of **Westminster** did



Matt Mulvaney, Miami '04, left

well at the MAC meet, placing second in the discus, third in the javelin and fourth in the shot. He won the discus and shot events at the Grove City Invitational. Teammate Marcus Corvino, '05, was third in the 3,000 steeplechase at the MAC meet and was fifth in the 5,000 at the Grove City event. Jason Ream, '04, of **Baldwin-Wallace** placed seventh in the indoor 800 at the Greater Cleveland championship and competed in four outdoor events.

Seven SigEps were on the **Moravian** squad. Scott Silvoy, '05, won the indoor 400 meter run (50.05) at the MAC meet; was runner up at 200 meters; and was on the third place 800 meter relay. At the outdoor MAC meet, he placed second in the 200 and third in the 400. Michael ElKazzaz, '06, was fourth in the MAC indoor and outdoor pole vault competition. Dan Corley, '05, competed in the decathlon at the MAC outdoor meet and placed 12th in the indoor 55-meter hurdles. Other key athletes for Moravian were John Paul Krupa, '06, Scott Williams, '04, and Shawn Nelson, '05.

Andre King, '03, of **WPI** was on the 400-meter relay that placed second at the NEWMAC meet. Co-captain Tim Pelc, '03, of **Susquehanna** had a best indoor triple jump of 41-11 1/2 and best long jump of 20-10. Eric Scrivner, '05, of



Todd Edwards, Moravian '03



Tom Morley, Rutgers '06

Johns Hopkins competed in the 3,000 steeplechase at the Centennial Conference meet. Nate Effinger, '05, of **Ohio**

Wesleyan was fourth in the NCAC outdoor long jump (20-9 3/4) and was on the fifth place 400 relay.

Academic All-MWC performer Ryan Moll, '04, of **Monmouth** was on the outdoor MWC first place 400 and 1,600 relays and also had second place finishes at 200 and 400 meters. Teammate Evan Harrison, '06, was seventh in the MWC pole vault. Competing at the HCAC meet for **Baker** were six SigEps. Brett Weir, '06, was second in the 110 hurdles, eighth in the long jump and 10th in the triple jump. Zack Middleton, '06, was fourth in the 110 hurdles and sixth in the 400 hurdles. Ben Harp, '05, tied for sixth in the pole vault and Mike Brennan, '04, placed ninth in the 400. Also running were Matt Needham, '05, in the 800 and Aaron Wright, '06, in the 400.

Tennis

Playing in the NCAA Division I championship finals for **Southern California** was Parker Collins, '04, who had an 18-11 doubles record and played #5 singles. Competing for **Central Florida** in the NCAA playoffs were Paul Ramy, '05, (#6 singles) and Rhett Rosen, '05, (#3 doubles). Teammate Jacob Averbach, '06, also saw action for UCF during the season.

Scott Green, '04, was a regular for **Wisconsin** at #2 doubles and #4 singles. Posting a 9-6 doubles record for **Alabama** was Brian Isern, '03. Brett Warner, '04, of George Washington was 17-9 in doubles and 13-12 in singles. Good players for **Yale** were Rowan Reynolds, '06, (#1 doubles, #4 singles) and Neal Tolaney, '04, (#6 singles). Playing for **Truman State** as regulars were Adam Rees, '03, and Tyler Wood, '06.

Named to the All-Commonwealth second team for **Moravian** was Todd Edwards, '03, who was 10-5 in singles and 9-7 in doubles. Chosen for the All-UAA second team was Steven W. Hsu, '06, of **Case Western Reserve**, who was 16-4 in doubles and 14-6 in singles. Ryan Quallich, '03, of **Westminster** was on the PAC Academic Honor Roll and was 7-3 in doubles play. Jamie Rushton, '04, of **Barton** received All-CVAC third team honors at #3 singles. Captain Evan S. Pinther, '03, of **Florida Gulf Coast** played #1 doubles with Wolfgang H. Pinther, '04, who was also 9-5 in singles.

Other Sports

Goalie Andrew Goldstein, '05, led the **Dartmouth** lacrosse team to a school record 11 victories and first-ever NCAA Division I playoff berth. He earned All-Ivy League first team



Dartmouth's Patrick Cantwell, '04, third from the left and Bryan Bollinger, '03, third from the right

honors and was named team MVP. During 819 minutes of action, he made 170 saves (63.7%). Midfielder Ryan Goodman, '05, played in 10 contests for the **Bucknell** squad. Midfielder Greg Mavraganis, '03, earned All-NCAC second team honors for 8-5 **Denison** and scored 24 points (18 goals, six assists). Teammate Keith Bishop, '03, played in every game. Appearing in five games for the **Susquehanna** lacrosse team was goalie David Antoniewicz, '05.

Competing in crew or rowing for their schools were the **Dartmouth** duo of Bryan Bollinger, '03, and Patrick Cantwell, '04; John D'Alba, '05, and James Thomas, '05, both of **George Washington**; the **San Diego** trio of Matthew S.

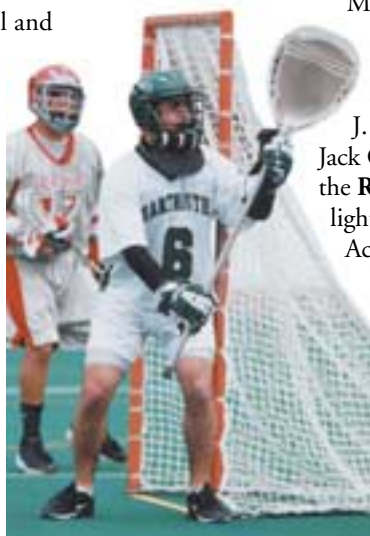
Dominick, '04, John E. Dzida, '03, and Nicholas J. Navarro, '03; and Jack O'Neill, '03, of the **Rutgers** lightweight crew.

Active in sailing for **Yale** was Newland R. Baldwin, '06, while chapter

mate Jacob V. O. Mullins, '05, was a leader on the **Yale** polo team, traveling to England during spring break to defeat both Oxford and Cambridge in the Atlantic Cup competition.

College Football Hall of Fame fullback Steve Worster, **Texas**, '71, was inducted into the Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame in late April. He played in three Cotton Bowl contests, helped lead the Longhorns to two national championships and finished fourth in the 1971 Heisman Trophy voting. In the March 3, 2003, issue of Sports Illustrated, Steve was profiled in the magazine's "Catching Up With..." column. After retiring from a 28-year career in sales, he currently manages several of his own rental properties in Bridge City, Texas.

NFL punter Kyle Richardson, **Arkansas State**, '96, who was with the Minnesota Vikings in 2002, signed with the Philadelphia Eagles as a free agent. **Oklahoma** tight end Trent Smith, '03, was a sixth-round draft choice of the Miami Dolphins, and Sooners quarterback Nate Hybl, '03, the 2003 Rose Bowl Player of the Game, signed with the Cleveland Browns as a free agent. Bill Cubit, **Delaware**, '75, joined the Stanford football staff as quarterback coach. He had been offensive coordinator and quarterback coach at Rutgers in 2001-2002 and is a former head coach at Widener (1992-1996).



Andrew Goldstein, Dartmouth '05

Sound Mind and Sound Body

LIVING THE BALANCED MAN IDEAL

Striving to attain SigEp's Balanced Man Ideal involves the development of a Sound Mind and a Sound Body. Because the body is the vessel of the mind, one must have a strong, healthy body. These stories profile SigEps, alumni and undergraduates living the Balanced Man Ideal. Read their stories and see how they work to live their best life.

He Mouthed the Word “Cancer”

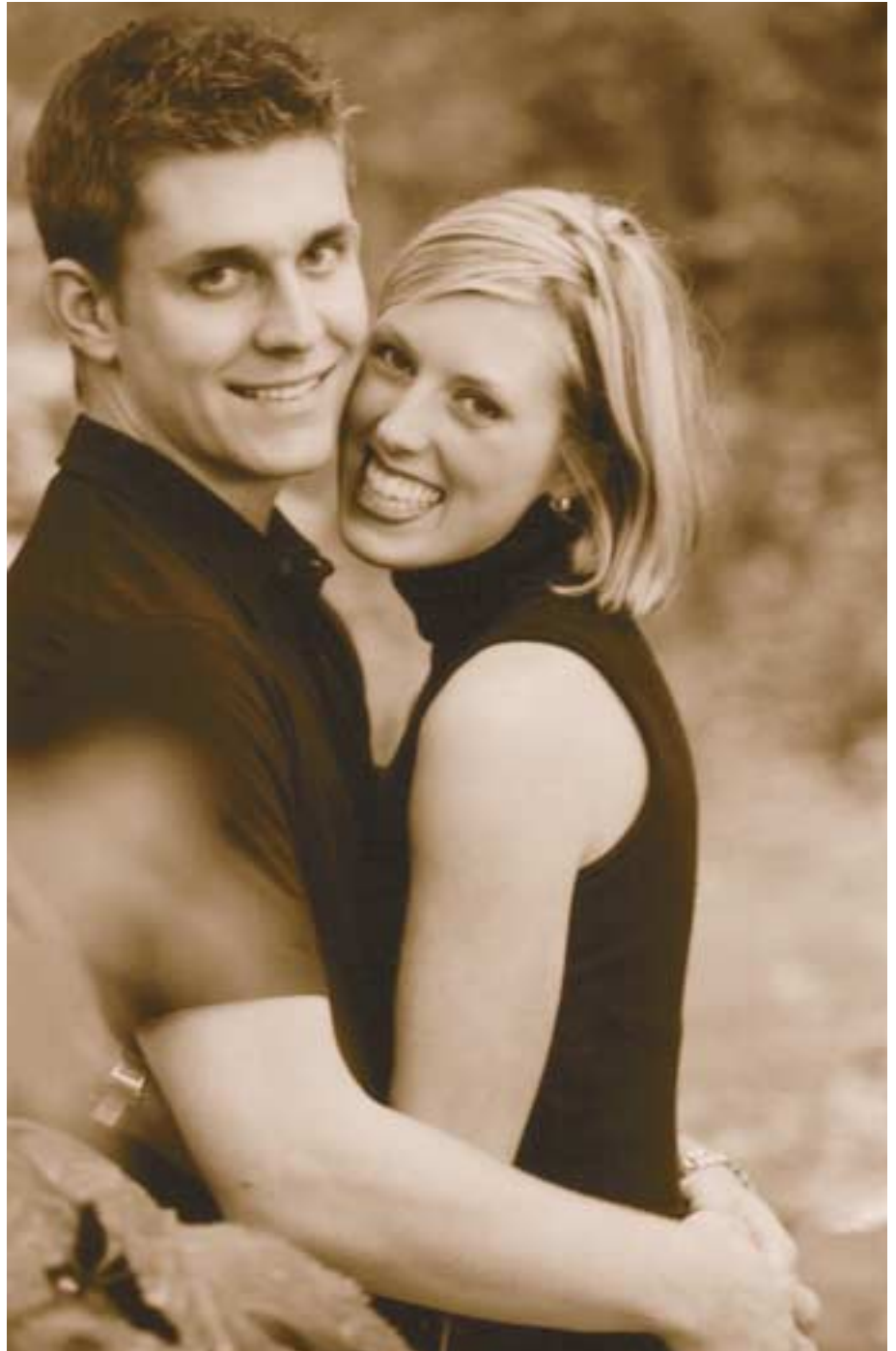
Cory J. Schumacher, Minnesota '00, is a lucky man. He discovered he had testicular cancer, early. He underwent surgeries and is now free of cancer. Most men put it off, sometimes indefinitely. Those men die from testicular cancer every year. Cory is alive today, because he took action, and is not afraid to share his story. Cory and his wife share their experience with *The Journal*. Read on, and find the same courage if you find yourself in the same position of finding something that is not normal.

Journal: *When did you suspect that you might have testicular cancer?*

Cory: I started to notice something was not right at the end of my senior year at Minnesota; back then I knew very little about testicular cancer, so I wasn't sure what to think when a flat, but a hard lump began to form on my right testicle. My first reaction was that it was nothing wrong, or just a temporary condition that would soon fade away. However, early into the summer, not only did that small lump begin to grow, but two other, more defined lumps developed as well. Nevertheless, it was embarrassing to even think about bringing it up in conversation, so like most men, I kept it to myself.

Journal: *When did you know it was time to act?*

Cory: Towards the end of July, I was at home and randomly used my parents shower while my girlfriend (now wife) Erika used my shower. There was a shower card in the stall that detailed how to self-check for breast and testicular cancer. I remember seeing that shower card while growing up, but never imagined that it would actually have an impact on me one day. The first person I talked to was Erika, and she, too, hoped



Cory J. Schumacher, Minnesota '00, with his wife Erika.

that it was nothing, but I had a feeling that something was definitely wrong. So I immediately scheduled an appointment with a doctor. That doctor requested an ultrasound and blood test, but was unwilling to make a diagnosis without having me see a urologist.

Journal: *What happened when you met with the urologist?*

Erika: There was a lot of anxiety leading up to that day, the medical doctors Cory had seen didn't know if it was cancer or not, so we had to see a urologist. Cory, his parents and I were expecting the doctor to come in and say, "It's nothing. False alarm, he is healthy and okay." When the doctor did come out, he asked to meet with Cory and his father, while his mother and I waited in the lobby. After ten minutes, Cory came out and brought us into the room. At that point, things felt surreal as Cory said that it was not good. He mouthed the word, "Cancer." After that, it was hard to hear anything the doctor said. I kept thinking it was a death sentence.

Cory: For me, I remember looking at everyone in the room and seeing the expressions on their faces. Their concern for me was overwhelming. I felt bad that they would have to endure this with me. When I told my best friend, fellow SigEp and best man at my wedding, he cried. I wasn't ready to hear that I had cancer, and I certainly wasn't ready to witness the reactions of my family and closest friends. That was the hardest part of the entire ordeal for me.

Journal: *What happened next?*

Erika: I left the room to tell my parents and broke down over the phone talking to my mom. She asked me what was wrong, and I just sobbed, "Cancer. He has cancer." I did not want to do that in front of Cory—I didn't want to make it any harder for him.

Cory: The urologist wanted to do surgery on me immediately, which really hit

home in terms of urgency. One thing that helped was that I sought out help early enough before the cancer spread. Most men will wait years, until they have a lump the size of their testicles before they consult a doctor. I was not going to do that.

Journal: *Let's talk about your surgeries.*

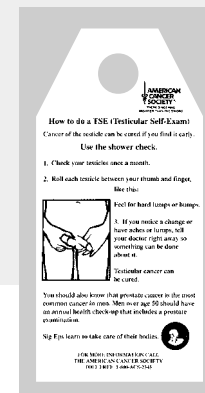
Cory: I underwent two surgeries to have the cancer removed. For the first operation, known as an inguinal orchiectomy, they made a four-inch horizontal incision in my groin to remove the cancerous testicle. This was an outpatient surgery, but it was very difficult to walk for a couple of weeks. The second surgery, a retroperitoneal lymph node dissection (RPLND), required a 12-inch incision from the bottom of my sternum to below my beltline. This procedure is to remove the lymph nodes connected to the testicles to see if the cancer has spread and to remove any malignant tissue. I was in the hospital for four straight days as a result of this surgery.

Journal: *So the second surgery opens up your midsection?*

Cory: Yes, the RPLND is an extremely invasive surgery, but it was necessary to determine if the cancer had spread. Fortunately, I only had Stage 1 of testicular cancer, where it is confined to the testicle(s), so there was no need for chemotherapy. There are two types of testicular cancer—seminomas, the most common type, which is typically treated with radiation, and nonseminomas, which is typically treated through surgery and/or

- **Testicular cancer is the most common malignancy in young men between the ages of 20 and 34. There are about 7,500 new cases yearly, with approximately 350 deaths per year in the US.**
- **Testicular cancer is more common in white men than black or Asian.**
- **If found early, testicular cancer is almost always curable.**

*Facts courtesy of www.tc-cancer.com/facts.html



Every chapter receives Testicular Cancer Self-Exam Shower Hangers. Contact Director of the Balanced Man Initiative John Mize at john.mize@sigep.net to receive extras for your chapter.

chemotherapy. In my case, the surgeries were successful and eliminated the cancer. For the past 3 years, I have been getting regular checkups to catch it if it comes back. Those checkups have now gone down to once a year.

Journal: *That is good news. What is your advice for people reading this interview?*

Cory: Perform a self-check regularly. Testicular cancer can affect men ages 15 to 35, but it can strike any male, any time. Don't be embarrassed or ashamed if you find something unusual with one of your testicles; get it checked out immediately. Testicular cancer is a very curable disease if it is found early. Since my ordeal with testicular cancer, I have not been afraid to share my experiences, so I have had several male friends and colleagues approach me with questions and concerns. I advised

them on what to do, and when they visited their doctors, they learned that it was not testicular cancer. I think it is important that Sigma Phi Epsilon addresses this form of cancer directly. I am willing to help other SigEps on this topic in any way I can. There is also a multitude of information on the Internet. Visit <http://tcr.acor.org/> and www.tc-cancer.com.

For questions or support email Cory at Cory.J.Schumacher@supervalu.com or Erika Schumacher at erika_schumacher01@hotmail.com.

"You must first be a friend to yourself before you can be a friend to anyone else."

—HECATO

Sound Mind and Sound Body

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Real SigEp Men Do Yoga



“When I first thought of yoga, I thought, hmm...Madonna. But, I was misguided, which is not surprising. Deep down inside, I knew yoga was legitimate, but I was stubborn,” says **Stephen R. Vanacore, George Washington, '03**. Recently, the SigEps at George Washington embarked on a new path for Sound Mind and Sound Body by practicing yoga. In the basement of their beautiful townhouse in downtown D.C., brothers gather for 50 minutes to participate in the 5,000-year-old practice. They challenged their perceptions of yoga and are discovering a new way to stay healthy, a new way to be Balanced Men.

The word yoga in Sanskrit means “to hitch up or yoke.” There are many branches of yoga but the branch most known is Hatha yoga, which is the “yoga of activity,” originally developed as a means of meditation. Hatha yoga prepares the body and nervous system for the necessary stamina to allow the mind to remain calm.

The yoga the brothers of D.C. Alpha are practicing is called Power Vinyasa yoga. In this style of yoga, the asanas or postures are held then connected in a flowing manner that heats the body internally building up a good sweat to work out toxins in the body.

There is no bending the body into a pretzel or chanting. Unfortunately, many men have been less inclined to try yoga for many reasons. One of the largest misconceptions is—it’s just for girls. Many professional athletes attest that yoga improves their athletic performance. Some notables include the NFL’s Eddie George, the MLB’s Barry Zito, the NBA’s Kevin Garnett, the NHL’s Sean Burkert, and the PGA’s David Duval.

After practicing yoga for a short time, people see how much the physical aspect of yoga affects the mental aspect. In some poses, there will be discomfort. However, by concentrating on breathing and focusing, they learn to gradually welcome the discomfort with the knowledge that it will soon pass.

Yoga has even been known to help with mild depression. By overcoming perceived obstacles, yogis do things they thought were not possible. This feeling of accomplishment gives them the confidence to tackle other obstacles in

their lives. Recent studies show evidence that the brain waves for relaxation, alpha waves, and for dreams and emotions, theta waves, increase by 40 percent after a two-hour Kriya yoga class.

“Doing yoga is the culmination of Sound Mind and Sound Body as it relaxes and strengthens not only the body, but

also the mind. By letting our mind relax, we realize we can do things with our body that we thought was not normally possible.

Yoga is a great activity for a Sunday night after a chapter meeting, as it prepares us so that we enter the school week with a relaxed mind,” says **Eric M. Weisbrod, '05**.

Learn more about yoga by visiting www.yogajournal.com or read Real Men do Yoga by John Capouya or Journey into Power by Baron Baptiste.

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Several Benefits of Yoga

- Vastly improved flexibility
- Increased strength and muscle tone
- Superior balance and body control
- Improved breathing and oxygen intake
- Reduced stress and its harmful effects on the body
- Greater focus and concentration
- Mental relaxation
- Peak performance



SigEps at George Washington practicing yoga in their chapter house basement.

A joint study by the Philadelphia-based Jefferson Medical College and Yoga Research Society, found that yoga practitioners experienced a significant drop in cortisol levels after a single yoga class. High cortisol levels are characteristics of stress and serious depression. Practicing yoga helps you deal with stress and depression.

Ironman Update From Wisconsin

For three SigEps, September 7, 2003, began at 4:30 in the morning. It was a beautiful, sunny day in Madison, Wisconsin, if not a little hot. At 94 degrees, the heat challenged the competitors of the Madison Ironman Triathlon. For these SigEps, the biggest challenge would be mental, and they learned months before how to overcome that obstacle.

In the summer issue of *The Journal*, we profiled three SigEps from the University of Wisconsin training for their first Ironman Triathlon. For **Michael T. Casper, '04**, **Nathan A. Lampi, '03**, and **John D. Welter, '03**, this day was the culmination of months of preparation. Their ultimate goal was to finish together. Why? They wanted to encourage each other to the end.

"Mentally, the race is very tough. It is easy to tell yourself, 'It's time to quit.' With John, Nathan, and 30 other brothers on the sidelines it helps you persevere," said Casper. "Without encouragement it would be hard to deny that impulse."

The trio finished the race in a little over 16 hours; the swim lasted 90 minutes, the biking was over seven hours, and the marathon was over six hours. The marathon was the final event, and the three were able to run side by side. Crossing the finish line, the brothers were met by their families and chapter brothers. Lampi and Casper are considering competing solo in another Triathlon within the next few years.

From day one, they did not consider themselves to be long-distance athletes, nor



John D. Welter, '03, Michael T. Casper, '04, and Nathan A. Lampi, '03

did they see themselves as exceptional for trying. They wanted to challenge themselves, and if they completed an Ironman Triathlon, so much the better. After they began to train, their mindset changed. They saw themselves as average men doing extraordinary things. Heat, exhaustion, pain—none of those things mattered. They believed in themselves and were there for each other, which, in the end, was the only thing that did matter.



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Memphis SigEps Get Fit

Each semester the men of the Tennessee Beta Chapter at the University of Memphis help each other achieve personal fitness goals with a Fitness Day.

Fitness Day is held twice each semester, once at the beginning and once at the end. The object is for brothers to set individual fitness goals and measure their progress between the two days.

Fitness Day begins at the field house and track, where members' heart rate, blood pressure, body fat percentage and cholesterol levels are measured and logged. The chapter enlists the services of the Health Center to take the measurements. Once that portion is complete, it is time to measure the number of push-ups and pull-ups each SigEp can do. They also measure the time it takes to run a mile. Once this information is calculated, Fitness Day ends, and the task of reaching one's personal best begins.

During the rest of the semester, SigEps gather to work out at the campus fitness center. While goals are tracked individually, the brothers work out in informal groups. At any given time, you will find up to 20 SigEps in the gym. Fitness Day is a large part of being a SigEp at Tennessee Beta. It is something the brothers are excited about and challenge each other to improve, and the results show. Brother **Nicholas T. Maynard, '05**, was able to lose 40 pounds in one semester. He says, "Our Sound Mind/Sound Body program and the support received from the chapter have made my goal to become a healthier individual more attainable. I now feel I live the life of a Balanced Man, and the root of my inspiration continues to be Sigma Phi Epsilon."



3,500 Miles Across America...

From June 1 through August 5, Lambuth SigEps **David M. Dietrich, '01**, **Justin H. Collett, '03**, and **Brian O. Hamblen, '01**, cycled 3,500 miles across America. Their route started in Charleston, South Carolina, and ended in San Francisco, California. Through the flat lands of the Midwest, the trio logged more than 100 miles in one day. Crossing the Rocky Mountains meant pushing their limits to reach 25 miles in a day at nearly 6,000 feet. This cross-country trek was the 2003 Cycle of Life, and it was created by these determined SigEps to raise money for the Special Kid Fund (SKF).

The SKF caters to the needs of disabled children and at-risk youth, and

planning for the Cycle of Life began while they were undergraduates. According to Dietrich, "We were originally inspired by the Fellow Project in the Balanced Man Program. We began the planning and implementation phases as undergrads, but weren't able to actually complete the project until post-graduation."

Members of the chapter were supportive of their efforts. Every evening, when the weary riders arrived at their destination, they received phone calls and emails of encouragement. Throughout the experience, the SigEps learned how to apply the values of the Fraternity in overcoming strenuous obstacles.

Keeping a New Year's Resolution

On New Year's Eve, 2000, **Jon T. Stamm, Northern Illinois '94**, made a resolution that he and **Michael J. Ebbens, Northern Illinois '95**, would



compete in their first marathon. The two had run in several smaller races to stay in shape, from 10Ks up to a half marathon. Ebbens agreed and they ran in the Chicago Marathon in 2001.

Since then, they competed in the 2002 Chicago Marathon, the 2003 San Diego Rock & Roll Marathon, and the 2003 Chicago Marathon. They plan to run in the New York Marathon, and Jon hopes to qualify for the Boston Marathon. Stamm is currently training for the inaugural Rock & Roll Marathon in Arizona. It was after reading the summer issue of *The Journal* and seeing the article about **M. Todd Lewis, Southern Illinois-Carbondale '91**, competing in his marathons, that Ebbens emailed *The Journal*, about their New Year's Resolution.



SigEp

Leaders *in the*

Arts & Entertainment

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OHIO WESLEYAN '41

INTRO BY
Bruce H. Hasenkamp,
DARTMOUTH '60

*Ted Mack, Denver
'12, host of the
Major Bowes
amateur hour*

The success of a fraternity is measured by the men it produces. On the occasion of Sigma Phi Epsilon's centennial, we look back, in this five-part series, on more than 100 brothers from those 100 years whose contributions to the world's communities especially stand out.

In Part I, longtime ABC network television newsman and former National Director **Gary Shepard, Boston '61**, wrote about many of SigEp's *Governmental, Military and Community Leaders*. In Part II, Past Grand President and distinguished University of Cincinnati professor emeritus **R. Eric Weise, Cincinnati '54**, examined SigEp's leadership in the life of the mind—*Inventors, Scholars and Academic Leaders*.

Next, in Part III, retired Pulitzer Prize-winning St. Louis Post-Dispatch sports editor **Robert W. Broeg, Missouri '37**, with sports writer **Jay Langhammer**, tackled the Sound Body component of the Balanced Man—SigEps who dominated and made special contributions to *Athletics*. In Part IV, retired IBM vice president and Motorola director, Past Grand President **Wallace C. Doud, Wisconsin '48**, described SigEp's dominance in *Business and the Professions*.

Now, in the final part of this series, from his perch in the

heart of America's cultural capital, New York City, one of the nation's leading scholars, **Hugh A. Harter, Ohio Wesleyan '41**, writes of great SigEp *Entertainers, Artists and Writers*.

Professor Harter, the author of numerous books and former owner of a respected summer college in Spain, is professor emeritus of romance languages and literature at Ohio Wesleyan. A part of the D-Day invasion of France, Brother Harter's name graces highway intersections in two French cities he helped to liberate. He and his wife, Fran, recently retired to Historic Plymouth, N. H.

The men profiled in this series represent the thousands of SigEps who make the world a better, richer, stronger and more interesting place every day, as they have been doing since day one in the tower room of Richmond's Ryland Hall. The success of a fraternity is measured by the men it produces, and SigEp measures up.

It's axiomatic to say that college and sports have long gone hand-in-hand throughout the campuses of the land. We all know stories about the football hero who could barely articulate a sentence but who somehow weathered semester after semester with grades good enough for him to stay in school—or we should say, stay on the team. In American academe, the healthy body has consistently obscured the healthy mind, in many areas. The Arts, for example. There was a time that no red-blooded SigEp could possibly be interested in dance, literature, painting or classical music. Majoring in anything but business and the sciences was suspect. That was the good old American way. To the football game or to the museum? The game won hands down.



Tom Ewell, Wisconsin '31, in a press photo with co-star Marilyn Monroe

Fortunately, not every SigEp was caught up in that stereotype syndrome. The creative *mens sana* did exist in the *corpore sano*, and the number and stature of SigEps in the fields of art and entertainment is singularly impressive. It is a revelation to consider the accomplishments of many of our brothers enriching the cultural life of our country. Some attained fame and fortune. Those with a high profile make a very impressive list.

For example, what SigEp has not looked at Marilyn Monroe and sighed longingly as he watched a late-night rerun of one of her movies? And to be with her day after day? Mind blowing! But if there had to be that someone, it should have been, and was, a SigEp. On stage and screen, Marilyn was the demure and sexy epitome of the American Beauty. She was also co-



Ted Shawn, Denver '12

starred with actor Tom Ewell (the lucky dog, said one brother), **Samuel Yewell Thomkins, Wisconsin, '31.**

His performance as the bungling husband left to his own devices by wife and child on vacation was masterful. He fantasized, and how! Ewell's specialty on stage was the role of a bungling husband who ended up behind the eight ball with the women

he ineptly chased. Our brother did, however, get to spend all that time with Marilyn although he couldn't make time with her on stage!

Ted Shawn (**Edwin M. Shawn, Denver '12**) is another example of high profile. His contributions revolutionized dance performances around the globe. He was determined to overcome the stigma of men's effeminacy in the dance profession.

Too tall for classical ballet, he organized his own company and began inventing dances far removed from the 19th Century ballet that dominated the stages of Europe and America in the early years of the 20th Century. Shawn's innovations were many and revolutionary. He used themes such as the American Indian, the pioneers, and the conquistadors. In 1933, he and his wife, dancer Ruth St. Denis, drawing successfully from the legends and native dances of many cultures, from India, Spain, and Mexico among others, formed the Denishawn dance company, which has continued to the present day as the Jacob's Pillow Festival in Massachusetts. Thanks to Shawn, the concept of dance and of professional dancers has never been the same. Shawn liberated dance.

Famed movie costume designer **Walter C. Plunkett, California-Berkeley '23**, got his start through Ruth St. Denis, Shawn's wife, whose costumes he designed. Could this have been thanks to the meeting of two SigEp brothers? We can only speculate, but this led to the hiring of Plunkett by RKO films and won him numerous awards and honors and the job of designing costumes for such box office successes as *An American in Paris*, and *Gone With the Wind*. He was widely proclaimed as the finest period costume designer in the film industry. He received numerous honors and awards for his work with such Hollywood stars as Judy Garland, Katharine Hepburn, and Fred Astaire.



Hollywood would indeed have been a less glamorous and successful home of the Silver Screen without such giants as **Hank Moonjean, Southern California '52**, and **William J. Burrud, Southern California '46**.

Moonjean's accomplishments are staggering. He has been screenwriter, director and, above all, producer of some of the finest and most prestigious films of the years of Hollywood's apotheosis. Until relatively recently, films and film studies were not academically respected subjects, but a quick perusal of Moonjean's films discredits such a concept. Moonjean's credits list 28 films, all of them readily recognized as some of the finest to come out of Hollywood. They are works of high cinema art, all clearly top-notch films starring Hollywood's finest stars: Robert Redford, Paul Newman, Frank Sinatra, Elizabeth Taylor, and Audrey Hepburn, to name a few. Brother Moonjean has been the recipient of various awards of



*Hank Moonjean, Southern California '52, left, won four Academy Awards for *Dangerous Liaisons*.*



William J. Burrud, Southern California '46

distinction, and we can suppose that one of his finest moments was the seven nominations of the film, *Dangerous Liaisons*. It received four well-deserved Academy Awards. A film version of an 18th Century novel of seduction, betrayal and, eventually, love, it is an outstanding example of film accomplishment.

Burrud's films and television programs represent an impressive contribution of a different kind. After working for major studios in Hollywood, he founded his own firm,



"I like nonsense. It wakes up the brain cells. Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living; it's a way of looking at life through the wrong end of a telescope. Which is what I do, and that enables you to laugh at life's realities."

— Theodor Geisel (Dr. Seuss)

Bill Burrud, Inc., and produced such films as *Islands in the Sun*, *Animal World*, and *Wildlife Adventure*. He was the foremost producer of wildlife television films, and led the world in concern for endangered species and poaching of animals, particularly the elephant.

Another brother of international fame was Dr. Seuss (**Theodor S. Geisel, Dartmouth '25**) who revolutionized the field of children's books. His 48 books have sold over 400 million copies. Long before Harry Potter came along, such figures as the Grinch, the hat-wearing cat, and Who-hearing Horton, the elephant, were peopling children's imaginations and their hearts. Seuss' widow has been instrumental in opening up the books to film, the Broadway stage, and a theme park. Seuss works stress human behavior and fight prejudice. The famous illustrations of such works as *The Cat in the Hat*, *Horton Hears a Who*, and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* were also his.

SigEps in the art world have also made significant contributions.

Hubert O. Shuptrine, Tennessee '55, made his early mark as an abstract painter, winning almost every award offered in the South. In 1970, however, he became a water colorist with a style similar to that of Andrew Wyeth. His change of course came on

a trip to a Maine fishing village. "We function at an accelerated pace nowadays," he wrote, "and in art, as in other aspects of life, I had become accustomed to quick glances at things sensational. I had heard artists complain that they couldn't find subject matter close by, and had heard viewers express surprise in simple discoveries. Then, I understood: subject matter was everywhere. There was timeless beauty in the plainest face or object." Brother Shuptrine grew up in Chattanooga, and studied fine arts at the University of Tennessee where he also joined Tennessee Alpha.

Artist **Peter G. Holbrook, Dartmouth '61**, a native New Yorker, received his AB from Dartmouth, then did graduate work at the Brooklyn Museum School of Art. Between 1962 and 1988, he taught at a number of places, had more than 40 one-person shows since 1960 in some of our country's most prestigious museums, where many of his paintings are part of permanent collections. He is also well represented in some of the finest corporate collections. A winner of many prizes, Holbrook's works have been in about two dozen books and major magazines. He is one of America's finest painters of Western landscapes.

Few people who have gone to Portland, Oregon, have not seen the

sculpture of **Lawrence P. Kirkland, Oregon State '72**. Noted for his public sculptures, his works abound all over the United States and as far away as Malaysia. He has been called "Oregon's public artist" for his works in the Northwest, where he also was a key figure in the establishment of the Oregon Conventions Center's art program, as he has been in other parts of the country. Equally identified with "public art" is **Bruce N. Blackburn, Cincinnati '61**, one of the nation's best commercial designers. His design of the flag has flown over communities from one end of our country to the other, and adorned postage stamps, books, and brochures, the symbol of the Bicentennial.

George J. Ablah, Kansas '51, is not an active artist himself, but his contribution to the world of fine art is considerable. Ablah, a wealthy and very successful business man, became an art collector of note. One might call him an art maverick, not for the works of such major figures as Brancusi, Arp, Bolero, or Giacometti,

but for his display of them. For example, Ablah's executive aircraft was designed so that the owner could enjoy them on his frequent business flights as well as on the ground.

Another successful

brother, **Barney A. Ebsworth, Washington in St. Louis '57**, also amassed a notable art collection, primarily of American artists: John Marin, Marsden Hartley, Edward Hopper and Georgia O'Keefe, to name a few of the most widely known. It is a collection that is ranked in the company with those of Whitney, Barnes, and Rockefeller.



Peter G. Holbrook, Dartmouth '61

Woody Herman, far right, visits
SigEp Headquarters in 1962.

Two other figures from the world of entertainment will have instant recognition from our older alums; **Woody Herman (Woodrow C. Herman, Kansas, '45)**, the band leader and noted clarinetist, and **Ted Mack, Denver, '12**, who took over the Major Bowes amateur hour which brought many aspirants to fame and fortune after they had appeared on the broadcast. It was a Sunday night "must" for many years. A more contemporary performer is **Carroll J. O'Connor, Montana, '52**, better known for his inimitable performance on television as Archie Bunker, the right-winger of

right-wingers, who was usually foiled by his son-in-law. A modern day

Everyman, **John Goodman, Southwest Missouri State '92**, has been a star of numerous movies including *The Big Lebowski* and *Monsters Inc.* It was his role as Dan Conner on the hit TV sitcom *Rosanne* that endeared him to countless fans.

Very much in today's entertainment

John Goodman,
Southwest Missouri
State '92



Carroll J. O'Connor,
Montana, '52

scene is Brother **Garry C. Kief, Southern California, '70**. Currently Chairman of SigEp's Educational Foundation, Brother Kief is also President of Stiletto Entertainment. His position puts him on the cutting edge of the entertainment world. Stiletto manages artists, markets, and produces hundreds of concerts, theatrical events and TV specials worldwide. It also maintains full facilities for rehearsals and productions at its offices in Los Angeles and London. Brother Kief's fascination with theater began when he was eight and only increased as he grew older. He was "hooked" as a youngster and knew that the entertainment world was to be his professional world.

No novelists? Not a single poet? Well, perhaps one, if we accept the definition of poetry as highly compressed meaning in language that vibrates in the mind and produces a deep emotional response. Never

recognized as a literary man, one of our brothers will forever be known for his "poetic language" that echoes in the mind and in the history of our country. That brother was General **Anthony C. McAuliffe, West Virginia, '20**, whose immortal reply to the German's demand for surrender during the Battle of the Bulge, was simply "Nuts." Like poetry, that simple word encapsulates a whole history, a story of courage in the face of adversity, itself as compelling as any poem or novel and as fine a piece of literature to come out of World War II as any other!

RIISING STARS

Up and coming SigEps in the Arts & Entertainment

Look for these Brothers in the coming months and years. They represent some of the next generation of SigEp Artists and Entertainers...

- Actor **Marc Blucas, Wake Forest '94**, is a regular on *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. He also starred in *We Were Soldiers* and will play James Bonham in *The Alamo*.
- **King Cone, Texas '04**, musician
- **Andy Cruz, Pepperdine '01**, musician
- **Christopher Harris, Kent State '03**, has a role as an extra in the upcoming Meg Ryan film *Up Against the Ropes*. Harris is also a rap artist.
- **Chris N. Parker, Columbia '04**, actor
- Actor **Danny Pino, Florida International '91**, played Desi Arnaz in the CBS made for TV movie *I Love Lucy* in May. Pino's TV credits include *The Shield* and *Men, Women and Dogs*.
- **Mike A. Rich, Oregon State '81**, wrote the screen play for *Finding Forrester* and *The Rookie*.
- **Gabe Sachs, Chapman '83**, is a television show writer and is the executive producer of the ABC series *Platonically Incorrect*, scheduled to air this January.

Follow up story: Email information about up and coming SigEps in the Arts & Entertainment to journal@sigep.net.



Conclave!

Brothers from far and wide share the SigEp experience at its finest; leave inspired and awestruck



If you have never been to a Conclave, never sat in a room with 1,300 other SigEps, young and old, never stood with solemn respect for your life and others during the Necrology, and never seen the Conclave Stand-down, you need to read this. You need to see what makes Sigma Phi Epsilon a lifetime experience. There is an electric feeling of anticipation in the air prior to the start of any event at a Conclave. For the first-timer, it is the sheer sense of being a part of something so much larger than yourself, and at the same time realizing that without you, things would not be the same. For others, it is the thrill of meeting SigEps you may only see every two years, but celebrating like it was only weeks since your last visit. For the veteran, it is being with all of your friends and brothers in one place and seeing them meet each other for the first time. What follows on these pages speaks to how powerful our Fraternity is and is told, in part, by the people who were there.



Excitement is in the air for these attendees prior to the grand finale, the Alumni Awards Dinner.



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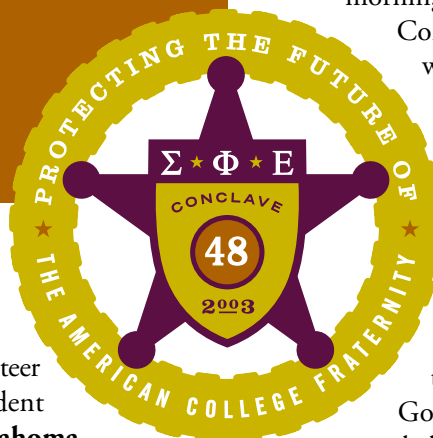


"San Antonio was my first Conclave, but won't be my last. We're already talking about chartering a bus for Nashville in 2005. I arrived knowing only a couple brothers who'd be there, but came out with a dozen new friends. I was taken aback by one remarkable experience—witnessing our Ritual with a thousand brothers at once. That was very powerful. Hearing those words, those vows, those commitments to each other was inspiring. Also, I learned a lot about our Educational Foundation. It's truly a gift to our Fraternity to have a Foundation that supports us now, and also for future generations of SigEps," says

Oklahoma Beta
(Oklahoma)
Alumni and Volunteer
Corporation President
Andy Oden, Oklahoma

'82. Andy was a first-timer, and his emotions were shared by countless others.

Synergy is defined as interaction among groups...that creates an enhanced combined effect. At every meeting of the Grand Chapter, there is a synergy and in San Antonio it was overwhelming and marked with many special events. From the rejoicing of Buchanan Cup chapters to the elations of the Citation winners and Order of the Golden Heart recipients to the honorable Brotherhood Luncheon, SigEp had so much to be proud of and so much to celebrate.



First, the numbers: the total number of attendees was 1,302, again making it the largest fraternity convention. There were over 110 hours of educational programs addressing all areas of the Fraternity and its operations. On Saturday morning at the first-ever

Conclave 5K run, there were 96 participants (that is correct, 96 participants running and walking at 7:00 a.m.). There were 40 Buchanan Cups awarded to outstanding chapters, and three of them were the first-ever

Golden Buchanan Cups awarded to a chapter winning its fifth consecutive Buchanan Cup, an entire decade of excellence. A total of 33 resolutions were brought to the Conclave legislation floor. Finally, our best number to report...there were zero incidents of misconduct during the entire Conclave. No individual or chapter will appear in "Our Very Own Frat Boys" for actions unbecoming of a SigEp at the Grand Chapter Conclave.

Next, is the legislation. This is where SigEp undergraduates, District Governors, and the National Board of Directors set the course for the Fraternity. Every chapter has a voting

delegate, which makes up 85 percent of the Grand Chapter. Each of the 28 District Governors and 11 members of the National Board of Directors have a vote as well. Committees of undergraduates meet to discuss resolutions assigned to them, and they report to the entire delegation during one of the three legislative sessions. Rigorous debate on the resolution follows, ending in a vote to determine action. For delegates, it is an exercise in democracy and an opportunity to forge a new path.

Historically, the legislative floor has seen the birth of many SigEp and fraternity innovations—from the creation of the Balanced Man Program to the removal of membership restrictions. Our heritage as a great Fraternity is built from the debates on the floor to the committee meetings lasting until the late hours of the night. In San Antonio, the delegates adopted legislation that defined the role between local Alumni and Volunteer Corporations and the National Board of Directors, as well as established a two-year strategic partnership with the YouthAIDS Foundation. A summary of all legislation can be found at www.sigep.org.

With so many SigEps together, the opportunity to improve the undergraduate experience is great. Education was a large focus for this Conclave. Volunteers and the Headquarters staff put together sessions that focused on housing, recruitment, development, and public relations. There was a special mock trial presentation titled, “Is It Worth the Risk?” based on a real SigEp lawsuit that went to trial in May, 2003. Its purpose was to educate brothers, volunteers and alumni about the consequences when bad choices are made. In this case, a chapter furnished alcohol to underage guests at a recruitment party, violating state law and Fraternity policies. These actions led to two fatalities resulting from drunk driving.

A live performance at the Balanced Man Celebration by Come and Go. Andy E. Cruz, Pepperdine '01 is on the drums.



Daily highlights

The Balanced Man Celebration

Thursday, August 13, 2003

An evening during which the accomplishments of the undergraduate chapters are recognized. It is the night where SigEp's best chapters are awarded the Buchanan Cup for their dominance in chapter operations between Conclaves. Few things are as exciting as witnessing a chapter win its first-ever Buchanan Cup. “We were tremendously excited to have received, for the first time in our 99-year history, the Fraternity's highest honor. As the Master of Ceremonies began to list our accomplishments and campus activities, an enormous grin was struck on each of our faces as we realized that our lofty endeavors had been nationally recognized. When I approached the stage to receive the Cup, feelings of excitement, pride, and gratitude overwhelmed me. It was truly one of our chapter's finest hours,” says **Johnathan B. Kahn, Penn '04**.

The Educational Foundation Luncheon

Friday, August 14, 2003

The luncheon highlighted the key programs funded by the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation. Hosted by Past Grand President and Order of the Golden Heart Recipient **William G. Tragos, Washington in St. Louis '56**, attendees heard testimonials from the crowd as to why they donate or how they have benefited from the programming made possible by the Educational Foundation.

The Sound body 5K Run

Saturday, August 15, 2003

In pursuit of developing a Sound Body, SigEps participated in a 5K Run. The trail wound through the historic part of San Antonio's Riverwalk. Illinois Alpha (Illinois) sent some fierce competitors in the form of **D. Shawn Dagleish, '80**, and **Chris S. Dillion, '03**, both alumni and both finishing first and third in the alumni division. Student National Director **Matt C. Rodrigue, Maine '04**, finished first for the undergraduate division.



Father Raymond K. Ackerman, Oklahoma '77, gives the invocation at the Balanced Man Celebration.



Brian A. Shawn, North Dakota '02, interviews John R. Brickley, Wisconsin '02, during the Educational Foundation Luncheon.



Left to right: Chris S. Dillion, Illinois '03, Nate W. Grobe, Northwestern '04, and D. Shawn Dalglish, Illinois '80, gear up for the start of the 5K.

As part of the National Housing Corporation's property management program, a simulated fire occurred in a special trailer outside the hotel. The trailer was modeled to resemble a typical fraternity house, underscoring the need for proper maintenance of chapter properties. The Afterburners session was a special treat, as former and current fighter pilots discuss the parallels between management (operating a SigEp chapter) and combat missions. SigEp Lieutenant District Governor for District 28, **Alex Y. Kim, Cal Poly-Pomona '87**, commented, "The Afterburner seminar was one of the best and most interesting sessions I have attended. All SigEp chapters would benefit greatly by using the 'Flawless Execution' model, and it can be a valuable tool for any business." For more information on the Afterburners, visit www.afterburnerseminars.com. All in all, there was much happening at this Conclave, something for everyone.

Then there is the time to celebrate the accomplishments of alumni, volunteers, and chapters, and this happens at one of the four Conclave events—the Balanced Man Celebration, the Educational Foundation Luncheon, the Brotherhood Luncheon, and the Alumni Awards Dinner.

Aside from the organized events of the Conclave, some of the spontaneous events that happened will last a lifetime in the memories of those who attended. After the Alumni Awards Dinner on Saturday night and into the early morning hours of Sunday, over 100 SigEps and guests congregated in the lobby of the hotel. Most security guards and hotel staff would have broken out the riot gear; in this case, they simply marveled at the site. These guests were singing the songs of the Fraternity, the Anthem and Sweetheart Song among others.

"Amazing!"

Citation recipient **Gabe Sachs, Chapman '83**, recalls, "I got out of the elevator and heard an amazingly strong group of voices singing. I went over to the balcony and looked over to see a huge group of SigEps singing their lungs out and having an amazing time. I just stared in amazement. The emotions were infectious—this was an amazing expression of unity. There were brothers from all over the country, introducing themselves to brothers they didn't know as well and having a blast. It was an amazing bonding experience even for those simply

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observing. A number of SigEps I didn't get to personally meet earlier in the evening came by to introduce themselves to me, and each conversation started with our amazement of how cool it was that this group of

SigEps was belting out song after song and what an amazing group SigEp really is."

That describes the synergy felt by those who attended the Grand Chapter Conclave. From all of the sights and sounds of the events to the hours of making new friends and reminiscing with old, the emotions were infectious. The expression of unity was amazing. If you were not able to join us in San Antonio, you have the opportunity to be a part of something exciting, something memorable, something uniquely SigEp at the 49th Grand Chapter Conclave, August 10-14, 2005, in Nashville, Tennessee. We'll see you there!





Bringing the Philias to life

The Brotherhood Luncheon takes attendees through a wide range of emotions, beginning with the Necrology. The Necrology is the time to remember those SigEp members who, through their death, remind us that life is transitory. During this ceremony, the names of brothers who died in the period since the 47th Grand Chapter Conclave were read in a symbolic and final roll call. A special table is reserved for the 12 Founding Fathers of Sigma Phi Epsilon as part of the Necrology. With the aid of microphones in the audience, the name, chapter, and graduation year are read by fellow chapter brothers.

At the Brotherhood Luncheon, Brotherly Love is recognized with the awarding of the Honor of Philias. The Honor of Philias recognizes an individual or group of individuals who have, in a unique, worthy, and unselfish way, accomplished an act or demonstrated in a special way love and affection, bringing to life the cardinal principle of Brotherly Love. Through their touching display of Brotherly Love, **James N. Blazer, Oklahoma State '67**, and **James D. McKellar, Jr., Oklahoma State '67**, enabled their Brother **Ray Murphy, Oklahoma State '68**, to achieve an advanced degree and be a champion for the improvement of quadriplegics.



Brother James N. Blazer, Oklahoma State '67, talks about his experience with Ray Murphy, Oklahoma State '68. Murphy was paralyzed after a wrestling meet in 1970.

Paralyzed at a wrestling meet in 1970, Murphy's biggest worry was that other people would have to care for him. Together Blazer and McKellar co-founded the Ray Murphy Fund and have helped Murphy live with courage and dignity. Murphy earned a magna cum laude degree in computer programming in 1988, and he went on to become a leader of research into new technologies for quadriplegics. For over 30 years, Blazer and McKellar have spearheaded annual fund raisers for Ray, visited him weekly, and even built a home next door to Murphy for his 24-hour-care nurse, Joyce. Blazer and McKellar were humbled by the honor and commented that seeing Ray achieve is more than enough reward.

2003 Buchanan Cup Awards for Chapter Excellence

The Award was established in 1961 as the Chapter Leadership Cup to recognize outstanding chapters. In 1967, the award was named for **Edwin T. Buchanan, Ohio State '11**. "Buck" served as Grand President from 1953-55 and as Grand Treasurer from 1932-67. Chapters that win a Buchanan Cup dominate their campus in Academics, Manpower, Campus Involvement, Membership Development and epitomize the Balanced Man Ideal.

Decade of Excellence

At the suggestion of a dedicated local volunteer, the National Board of Directors commissioned the advent of the Golden Buchanan Cup symbolic of five consecutive Buchanan Cup wins. Chapters that win five consecutively are creating consistent excellence and should be held as truly "great" chapters.



2003 Golden Buchanan Award Recipients

Number of Buchanan Awards won in parenthesis

Kansas Delta – Washburn (6)

largest fraternity on campus; varsity athletes: baseball, tennis; 3.17 GPA

Iowa Theta – Northern Iowa (5)

largest fraternity on campus; IFC president; intramural champions

Ohio Theta – Cincinnati (11)

87 men; intramural champions; IFC president

2003 Buchanan Award Recipients

Number of Buchanan Awards won in parenthesis

Alabama Zeta – Huntingdon (4)
number one in manpower, GPA, intramurals; 3.34 GPA

Arkansas Epsilon – Arkansas Tech (4)
largest fraternity on campus; highest GPA; intramural champions

California Chi – Loyola Marymount (3)
98 men; campus Fraternity of the Year award; intramural champions

California Psi – Pepperdine (2)
largest fraternity for the past two years; 3.23 GPA

District of Columbia Alpha – George Washington (2)
91 men; 3.13 GPA

Florida Gamma – Miami (Florida) (2)
largest fraternity on campus; 3.32 GPA; student body and IFC presidents

Georgia Delta – Georgia (3)
90 men; 3.38 GPA; varsity athletes: track, football, cheerleading

Illinois Alpha – Illinois (2)
101 men; 3.16 GPA; student body and IFC president

Illinois Lambda – Northwestern (2)
97 men; 3.44 GPA; varsity athletes: wrestling, lacrosse

Indiana Alpha – Purdue (5)
136 men; GPA above the all-campus average

Indiana Gamma – Ball State (4)
93 men; highest GPA on campus; intramural champions

Indiana Zeta – Valparaiso (4)
3.31 GPA; varsity athletes: soccer, baseball, football; intramural champions

Iowa Delta – Drake
second largest fraternity on campus; 3.29 GPA; varsity athletes: soccer

Kansas Eta – Wichita State (3)
82 men; number one GPA for the last five years; Vice President of Student Government

Kentucky Zeta – Morehead State
largest fraternity on campus; highest GPA; Student Body and IFC presidents

Maine Alpha – Maine
second largest fraternity; highest GPA on campus

Massachusetts Theta – Babson (2)
largest fraternity on campus; highest GPA

Going home with "Buc Cup" number three. The undergraduates from Denison are building a dynasty at Ohio Tau.

Minnesota Alpha – Minnesota (5)
largest fraternity on campus; campus Fraternity of the Year award; varsity athletes: football

Missouri Nu – Saint Louis (2)
104 men; 3.34 GPA

Missouri Zeta – Southeast Missouri State (2)
91 men; intramural champions

Nebraska Alpha – Nebraska (14)
104 men; 3.31 GPA; student body president

Nevada Alpha – Nevada-Reno
highest GPA; intramural champions; campus Fraternity of the Year award

New Hampshire Alpha – Dartmouth (4)
95 men; 3.5 GPA; campus Fraternity of the Year award

New York Chi – Clarkson
largest fraternity on campus; varsity athletes: baseball, basketball, hockey

New York Phi – Columbia (3)
3.4 GPA; varsity athletes: crew, lacrosse, fencing; campus Fraternity of the Year award

North Dakota Alpha – North Dakota (3)
second largest fraternity on campus; 3.3 GPA

Ohio Gamma – Ohio State (2)
largest fraternity on campus; 3.23 GPA; campus Fraternity of the Year award

Ohio Iota – Toledo (5)
largest fraternity on campus; 3.26 GPA; student body president

Ohio Tau – Denison (3)
largest fraternity on campus; 3.25 GPA; varsity athletes: soccer, football, lacrosse

Pennsylvania Delta – Penn
3.23 GPA; varsity athletes in crew, football, and lacrosse; campus Fraternity of the Year award

Pennsylvania Epsilon – Lehigh
number one GPA for the past five years; club athletes: crew, lacrosse

Pennsylvania Kappa – Bucknell (4)
92 men; 3.23 GPA; varsity athletes: lacrosse, track, swimming

Pennsylvania Theta – Carnegie Mellon (2)
3.32 GPA; varsity athletes: lacrosse, track; campus Fraternity of the Year award

Tennessee Beta – Memphis
largest fraternity on campus; student body president; campus Fraternity of the Year award

Tennessee Zeta – Lambuth (2)
largest fraternity on campus; varsity athletes: baseball, tennis, golf

Texas Mu – Texas A&M (2)
118 men; campus Fraternity of the Year award

Virginia Alpha – Richmond (2)
90 men; 3.31 GPA; varsity athletes in football, baseball, track



The Alumni Awards Dinner

The grand finale of the Conclave, alumni are recognized for their dedication to the Fraternity and for their excellence in their careers. The newly elected members to the National Board of Directors are sworn into their terms. Joining the National Board of Directors is **Bert J. Harris III, Florida '74**, **Phillip A. Cox, Indiana '84**, **David O. Chang, Pepperdine '04**, **Elliot A. Silver, Duke '04**, and **Matthew C. Rodrigue, Maine '04**. Dr. **James F. Robeson, Cincinnati '59**, was elected Grand President and **Christopher L. Bittman, Colorado '85**, was elected Grand Treasurer.

The Sigma Phi Epsilon Citation

The Sigma Phi Epsilon Citation is given to a select few alumni at each Conclave. The Citation recognizes the uncommon success and stature in a brother's particular profession. The 2003 recipients were:

■ **Jay K. Harness, M.D., Arizona '65**

Medical Director, St. Joseph's Hospital Comprehensive Breast Center
Clinical Professor of Surgery, University of California-Irvine
International Lecturer — Surgical Techniques

■ **Daniel M. Litynski, RPI '65**

Immediate Past Interim President,
Current Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Western Michigan University
Brigadier General, Retired, United States Army

■ **Duffy S. Oyster, North Texas '69**

Chairman and Owner, Poncho's Mexican Buffet Restaurants
Oyster Investment Corporation

■ **Gabe K. Sachs, Chapman '83**

Partner, Sachs-Judah Productions
Television Production Companies

■ **Bobby S. Shackouls, Mississippi State '72**

Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer, Burlington Resources

The Order of the Golden Heart

Awarded at every Conclave, the Order of the Golden Heart is the highest honor within the power of Sigma Phi Epsilon to bestow upon the men who do the most to build and sustain the world's greatest Fraternity.

■ **Dr. Charles G. Eberly, Bowling Green State '63**

Interfraternal icon; Founder and Chapter Counselor of Eastern Illinois (Illinois Nu)

■ **Vance L. Fraley, Illinois '56**

Key driving force behind the re-birth of Illinois (Illinois Alpha)

■ **John F. Hofmann, California-Santa Barbara '70**

Thirty-year volunteer for California-Santa Barbara (California Gamma)

■ **Eugene C. Schurg, Jr., Davis & Elkins '77**

Volunteer to five chapters; founder of George Mason (Virginia Mu) chapter

■ **John K. Tyler, Texas '63**

Longtime Alumni and Volunteer Corporation President at Texas-Austin (Texas Alpha)



Past Grand Presidents Bruce H. Hasenkamp, Dartmouth '60, John W. Hartman, Missouri '61, and Wally C. Doud, Wisconsin '48 are among the last men standing during the Conclave Sit Down.



Grand President Edward H. Hammond, Emporia State '66 pins the Grand President's Badge on James F. Robeson, Cincinnati '59.

WILLIAM'S LEGACY

In November of 2002, **William M. McLaughlin, Minnesota '02**, was killed in a tragic plane crash while serving on Senator Paul Wellstone's re-election campaign. McLaughlin was posthumously awarded the C. Maynard Turner Award for his service on the National Board of Directors. His mother, Judy and older brother, **David M. McLaughlin, Minnesota '92**, accepted the award. Judy told the Conclave, "Sigma Phi Epsilon gave both of my sons opportunities they would not have received elsewhere. I have watched with joy and great pride as they became leaders in their fraternity, their campus and their community the opportunities were there and they took advantage of them. I hope that every young man here, and the thousands who are not in this room, will remember William as a young man determined to be the best of the Balanced Man. And that you will all take advantage of all the great opportunities afforded to you through this wonderful organization. I would hope that would be William's legacy."



David McLaughlin, Minnesota '92, and his mother Judy McLaughlin.

Balanced Man Scholarship

SHARING CHAPTER'S BEST PRACTICES

Cincinnati Attracts the Best Men on Campus

Since its inception in 1990, the Balanced Man Scholarship has been the Ohio Theta Chapter's best way to improve its GPA. In the mid-1990s, the chapter averaged a 2.77 GPA, which was a little less than the all-campus GPA of a 2.81. Today, the chapter averages a 3.10 GPA, which is higher than the 2.88 all-campus. How did the Balanced Man Scholarship chapter make such a steady improvement in academic performance?

There are a couple of reasons; one is the scholarship's organization puts academics at the forefront of the brothers' minds. It begins in November when the chapter elects a chairman for the Balanced Man Scholarship. This brother has the responsibility of overseeing the scholarship and a committee of five to 10 brothers assisting him. In the spring, the chapter begins promotion of the scholarship through mass mailings to incoming students, contact with high school guidance counselors, and posting the application on its website. At the end of the spring term, the chapter has over 200 applications to review.

From there, the chapter narrows the field to its top 50 applicants. These 50 applicants are interviewed by the chapter over the summer months. The workload is divided among the chapter brothers so everyone has to conduct an interview. These interviews are held at the home of the scholarship applicant, which is better for the applicant and shows the commitment of the chapter. As part of the interview, the chapter members talk about the challenges of college life, as well as the rewards, as they know it is on every student's mind. In addition, they have a packet of information about the university and the city of Cincinnati to help ease the sometimes shaky transition from

high school to college life. Parents play a key role in the interviewing process as they have a multitude of questions that are answered by the SigEps.

Once the applicants arrive on campus, SigEp maintains contact by inviting them to dinners at the chapter house. It is also a way for them to get to know more students on campus.

Putting together a Balanced Man Scholarship banquet requires a lot of organization. The Marriott Kingsgate Conference Center, located on campus, serves as the venue. There is a guest speaker, usually an alumnus, followed by a short program on SigEp. Then the winners are announced. Once the scholarship is over, the chapter continues to maintain personal contact with the applicants. Many end up joining once they see the chapter's commitment to academics is the same as theirs.



Indiana Zeta (Valparaiso) Balanced Man Scholarship finalists for 2003

year	Term	Chapter GPA	All-Campus Avg.
'95	Spring	2.75	2.84
	Fall	2.80	2.77
'96	Winter	2.79	2.80
	Spring	2.86	2.84
'97	Fall	2.94	2.72
	Spring	3.00	2.84
'98	Fall	2.77	3.02
	Winter	2.74	2.82
'99	Spring	2.80	2.86
	Fall	2.87	2.77
'00	Spring	3.02	2.83
	Fall	3.00	2.85
'01	Winter	3.00	2.80
	Spring	3.16	2.91
'02	Fall	3.12	2.92
	Spring	3.12	2.84
'03	Fall	3.05	2.92
	Spring	3.12	2.84
'03	Winter	3.12	2.90
	Spring	3.14	2.90

Some pointers on a good scholarship:

- Begin promoting the scholarship at least six months before the banquet.
- Post the application on the chapter's website.
- Conduct in-home interviews.
- Organize the banquet three months in advance.
- Invite faculty, alumni, and parents to the banquet.
- At the banquet, award chapter members from each class year who live the Balance Man Ideal of developing a Sound Mind and a Sound Body. Their GPA is matched by their respect for the vessel of their mind, their body.
- Receive a free copy of the Balanced Man Scholarship resource disk by emailing Jan Brammer at jan.brammer@sigep.net.

Similar Success

Indiana Zeta had a GPA of 2.76 in the Fall of 1998 when it implemented the Balanced Man Scholarship. Every year, the chapter's GPA rose, from a 2.76 to a 3.25 for the Fall of 2002. Over the course of those four years, an average of six men who had been interviewed through the BMS joined the chapter. SigEp became a more academically focused organization and more men were attracted to it.

Our Very Own Frat Boys Closing the red door

Each chapter was big, each chapter had a beautiful house, and each chapter brought dishonor and disgrace upon Sigma Phi Epsilon. Today each chapter is closed, ending 280 years of SigEp life.

During the 2002-2003 academic year, Sigma Phi Epsilon closed four historic chapters. “Nationals only cares about numbers” is a typical reaction to Headquarters policies, meaning that the national Fraternity cares only about running a business, instead of caring about the “brotherhood.” Ask yourself two questions: What kind of “business” thrives when it loses its ability to produce its “product?” What kind of “brotherhood” exists in a culture of hazing, boozing, and drugging? It turns out that the word brotherhood is a phony shield, an excuse offered when we are not living up to who we say we are. Our business is “*Building Balanced Leaders for the World’s Communities*.” When we fail to do that, even worse when we are potentially harmful, it is the duty of your Headquarters staff, local Alumni and Volunteer Corporation, and university to take action.

Closing chapters is a loss, a failure, and a necessary step to protect the honor of our name. We are sorry we had to close these chapters, sorry because we did all we could to infuse the shared values of Sigma Phi Epsilon into a void. It did not work, but we are not finished. The Fraternity is committed to returning to each campus, and others like it, with a new group of undergraduates—those, like our Founders, who believe in something different. We will establish chapters that bring glory to our name.

What follows is a description of the events leading to the closures.

When the chapter does not align its actions with the cardinal principles of Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love, Headquarters and local volunteers attempt to work with the members of the chapter to bring about a meaningful change in culture. When all resources are expended, the difficult decision is made to close a chapter before permanent damage occurs. In the case of each of these four chapters, every attempt to help was unsuccessful. Dedicated alumni and volunteers are a crucial part of this process. In 2002-2003, we were unable to save these four chapters.



Indiana Beta (Indiana University) — Founded June 6, 1931; closed in 1938 and reopened in 1947, operated for 71 years; 1,962 lifetime members; a six-time Buchanan Cup chapter. Just three years ago, Indiana Beta had 180 men. The chapter repeatedly violated risk management policies with open parties. Less and less men were living in the 80-man facility, making it financially difficult to operate. Simultaneously, brothers were not paying their dues, driving the debt up. Hazing allegations led to the chapter being placed on Alumni Advisory Council (AAC) status. An AAC is a special team appointed by the National Board of Directors to take over a chapter not upholding the standards of Sigma Phi Epsilon to reorganize it and perform a complete membership review. In the span of a few months, 180 men became 90, then 45. With the remaining members unable to fill the chapter house nor recruit men of high caliber to expand the chapter, the decision was made to close our Indiana Beta Chapter.

- Development that included hazing, despite Headquarters and volunteer intervention
- Violated risk management with open parties, community source of alcohol

“We are what we repeatedly do...Success in life is not an act but a habit.”

—ARISTOTLE



Virginia Epsilon (Washington and Lee University) — Founded March 3, 1906; closed from 1940-1960; 867 lifetime members; a two-time Buchanan Cup chapter. On a campus, where 86 percent of the student body belongs to a Greek-letter organization, SigEp had deteriorated into a place that openly recruited members with alcohol; refused to eliminate hazing, had two incidents of alleged sexual assault in the 24 months prior to closure and misrepresented membership information to the school, its Alumni & Volunteer Corporation and the Headquarters. In the end, rather than allow mediocrity, SigEp closed its doors in Lexington.

Since closure, members have continued to misrepresent themselves by claiming they had no knowledge of a problem. This, despite the fact that members were confronted by Headquarters staff and Virginia Epsilon alumni volunteers on more than one occasion prior to closure. Members attempted to form an underground fraternity.

The university administrators and Sigma Phi Epsilon have partnered since the decision to close to ensure a successful return to campus.

- Hazing
- Combative relationship with the A&VC and Headquarters
- Recruiting with alcohol—kegs
- Alleged Sexual assaults

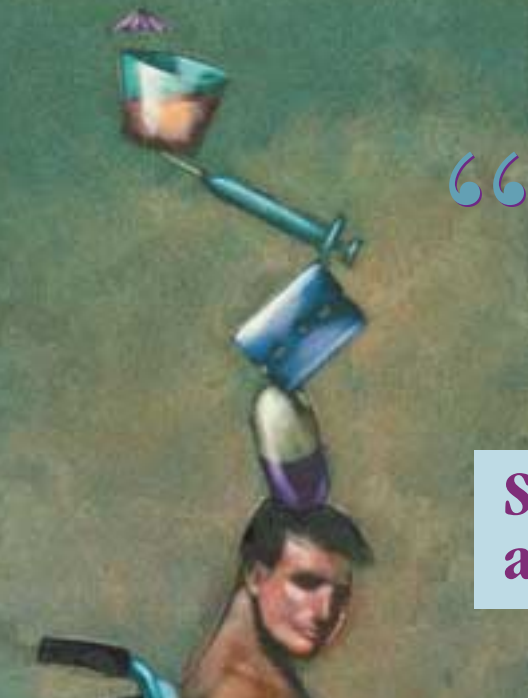
Washington Alpha (Washington State University) — Founded March 2, 1912; continuously operated for 90 years; 1,671 lifetime members. Allegations of sexual assault at an off-campus party unearthed a chapter focused on parties and raucous behavior. The university imposed probation on the chapter as a result of the party. Local law enforcement arrested a chapter member for drug trafficking in the house. An AAC was established to interview the 80-plus men in the chapter. A core group was rebuilding the chapter, but violated probation with another off-campus party. Simultaneously, the chapter's grades fell from a 2.9 to below a 2.5, the minimum standard for a SigEp chapter.

- Sexual Assault
- Member arrested for Drug Trafficking
- Probation with the University
- Grades fell; off campus open parties continued while on probation
- Possible hazing in member development

Arizona Alpha (Arizona State University) — Founded February 16, 1952; continuously operated for 50 years; 1,379 lifetime members; a two-time Buchanan Cup chapter. Hazing allegations arose from a chapter retreat with new members in the Fall of 2000. The university placed the chapter on probation, and the chapter violated the probation by having social events at its chapter house. A fight erupted between the chapter and another fraternity, and there were allegations of a fight that occurred in the chapter parking lot. A pornographic film company filmed members of the chapter engaging in sexual activities in the chapter house.

- Allegations of fighting while on probation with the school
- Hazing allegations from a chapter retreat
- Pornography filmed in the chapter house with chapter members

It takes more than a visit from the Regional Director or the District Governor to keep a chapter culture healthy. It takes the dedicated volunteerism of alumni and community leaders—people who are with a chapter on a daily, weekly, monthly basis. They provide guidance and perspective. They nurture the young man as he develops into an alumnus, someone who embraces the Balanced Man Ideal with enthusiasm and has respect for himself and others. When a chapter is devoid of volunteers or does not heed the advice of the existing volunteers, it is only a matter of time before the chapter destroys itself.



“Should a Brother Fall by the Wayside...”

Substance Abuse: Signs to look for and actions for a Brother to take

By **Paul G. Chabot**, *Cal State San Bernardino '97*,
Office of the National Drug Control Policy

Substance abuse is the single greatest threat facing our undergraduate, and sometimes alumni, brothers. Most reportable student incidents on campus today involve substance abuse. **Judge Mitch Crane, West Chester '77**, nationally known expert on campus risk management issues, says that nearly every hazing death or injury involving fraternities and sororities has been related to alcohol. He knows of only one exception.

When SigEp loses a chapter to disciplinary closure, substance abuse is nearly always a factor (see pages 28-29, four historic chapters closed last year with substance abuse as a factor in each).

Before the problem escalates on a chapter level, there is a problem on an individual level.

In pursuit of the Balanced Man Ideal, developing a Sound Mind in a Sound Body, a SigEp should not poison his body with illicit substances or excessive alcohol. His confidence in himself should be high enough that he does not need a crutch. As men who espouse Brotherly Love, it is our obligation to confront each other when we stray from the path.

Substance abuse is preventable—only when the need for help is recognized. Addiction is treatable—only when you act.

Signs that illustrate behavioral and physical characteristics:

- Loss of interest in activities
- Personality changes—moody or aggressive
- Change in personal habits, values, and friends
- Physical decline—weight loss, neglect of appearance
- Poor academic performance—missing classes
- Financial problems
- Blackouts
- Poor judgment and decisions
- Self-abusive behavior—depression, and self-condemnation

Look for these signs that illustrate alcohol abuse and alcoholism:

- Drinks increasing amounts; often intoxicated
- Preoccupied with drinking; excludes other activities
- Makes promises to quit, but breaks them; tolerance increases but seems unaffected by larger amounts
- Behavioral and personality changes (moody or aggressive)
- Conceals drinking; drinks alone
- Blackouts
- Denies drinking, becomes angry or defensive, and loses interest in appearance, hygiene, and health
- Chronic hangovers

A drug or alcoholic dependent person may not have all the characteristics described above, but if a pattern emerges, further close investigation is warranted.

SigEp has teamed with the Office of National Drug Control Policy—the White House Drug Czar's office—and other agencies to provide assistance to a brother in getting help for himself or getting help with developing a plan for a friend. The Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), a branch of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides a treatment facility locator on-line. This site provides a listing of all treatment facilities in your area and is a free service. It is confidential and will not be shared with any university or with the Fraternity. Visit: <http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/facilitylocator.doc.htm>. Or make a confidential call to the SigEp 24-hour Crisis Hotline, 800-767-1901. You can also learn more by visiting www.sigep.org/substanceabuse.

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Illinois Alpha, Illinois, 100-years-old, 1903-2003



In honor of their centennial, undergraduates raise the bar at the cookout.

On September 12-14, 2003, Illinois Alpha celebrated its centennial in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois. The weekend began with a cookout on Friday evening at the chapter house hosted by the undergraduate chapter. Saturday started with a light breakfast at the chapter house, a campus tour, and a banquet at the Illini Union. After the banquet, the group watched the Illinois v. UCLA football game. Sunday there was a farewell brunch at the chapter house. Over 80 alumni and their spouses, spanning the decades, helped make the occasion memorable. **James F. Robeson, Cincinnati '59**, and **Craig D. Templeton, Kansas '81**, were on hand for the festivities.



Left to right: New A&VC President John E. Vercellino, '75, Chapter Counselor Lloyd A. Murphy, '78, and Steve J. Kolanowski, '04.



California Psi, Pepperdine University

On April 1-3, SigEp hosted its most successful America Red Cross Blood Drive as part of its spring community service event. During this three-day event, 225 usable units were collected, well above the chapter's previous record of 160 units. This has been named the most successful university blood drive in Southern California by the American Red Cross. Brother **Steven J. Serbalik, '06**, was named Coordinator of the Year by the American Red Cross. Sponsors of this year's Blood Drive include Madonna Estates, Howdy's and Coffee Bean.

Cal Psi and the ladies of Pi Beta Phi won the annual University Songfest competition. Brother **Michael Sprague, '06**, received the Producer's Award for Best Songfest Director.

Florida Alpha, University of Florida

On May 3, the Marine Corps Officer Commissioning ceremony was held on the lawn at Florida Alpha, University of Florida, for Brother and **2nd Lt. John E. Kellner, '03**. John served as the new member educator and Recruitment Chair. He was commissioned by his



father, Colonel Kellner, and mother. His older brother is currently serving in Iraq also as a Marine Corps officer.

Brother Kellner will attend law school, then serve with the Judge Advocate General's office as a lawyer in the Marine Corps on active duty.

Florida Nu, Florida International University

Rodrigo J. Duarte, '04, was elected Vice President of the Interfraternity Council and was appointed FIU's Greek Affairs Undergraduate Assistant. **Sean P. Powers, '04**, was elected to his second term as President of the Greek Programming Board. **Sean P. Gazitua, '04**, won Greek God after SigEp won Greek Week.

Fifty brothers participated in the Relay for Life in Miami, a 20-hour event benefiting the American Cancer Society. Sigma Phi Epsilon was presented with two awards: Most Spirited Team and Organization Raising Most Money.

Idaho Sigma Epsilon Chapter

In late April, the men of the Idaho Sigma Epsilon Chapter hosted a campus-wide Rock Against Rape concert. Five local bands entertained the crowd, and the UI Dean of Students and the Moscow Police

Florida Gamma, University of Miami

As the Chairman for the Florida College Republicans, **Armando Gutierrez, Jr., '03**, interned in Washington, D.C., during the spring. He is shown here with Bob Graham, United States Senator from Florida and Chairman for the National Senate Intelligence Committee.

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Department spoke between acts. The concert concluded a week of events sponsored by the brothers. They raised awareness by selling ribbons, held a pledge drive, and offered a self-defense short-course for women. At the end of the week, SigEp raised over \$500 for Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse, a local women's shelter and advocacy organization.

Indiana Epsilon, University of Evansville

Indiana Epsilon recently won its seventh Intramural Trophy in the past nine years. SigEp received third place in Greek Week and the Best Overall Recruitment Award from the IFC at the Greek Awards Banquet. Recently, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity presented a check in the amount of \$1,792.35 to Youth First, Inc., a local, non-profit organization whose mission is to reduce youth substance abuse by coordinating community resources to improve prevention and provide early intervention and treatment opportunities for area youth and their families.

"It's wonderful to see up-and-coming leaders in our community express their concern for children in the fight against youth substance abuse," stated Trisha Sullivan, Executive Director of Youth First.

The Indiana Epsilon Chapter made the donation in memory of **Trent Zuehsow** who passed away after being in a head-on collision with a drunk driver. The funds donated were proceeds from the chapter's annual SigEp A-Go-Go dance competition for students held on the university campus.

Chapter Anniversaries

There are several chapters that celebrated milestones. Our first chapters celebrating their centennial happened during the spring and throughout the fall. The Journal has coverage from these special events. For a list of upcoming chapter centennials, visit the SigEp calendar at <http://calendar.sigep.org/sigep>.

Indiana Gamma, Ball State University

Indiana Gamma recently celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Numerous alumni participated in the celebration, held at the Ball State Alumni Center. The events began at the chapter house, where the undergraduates hosted a breakfast. Afterward, everyone was transported to the Alumni Center for a fantastic night of reminiscences and good times. Dinner followed a Ritual ceremony, in which both the undergraduate chapter as well as alumni participated. After dinner, five speakers from five decades represented their time periods, recanting memories and achievements. The high point of the evening was the charter rededication. Every SigEp at the ceremony signed a new charter, which was presented to the chapter and placed in the chapter house next to the original.

Each year the brothers nominate and select three professors to be distinguished as outstanding professors. This year, SigEp selected Dr. Joseph D. Chapman of the Department of Marketing, Dr. Joe



Michigan Iota (Northwood)'s 25th Anniversary

Misiewicz of the Department of Telecommunications, and Dr. Jensen Zhao of the Department of Business Information Technology. The professors were awarded a commemorative plaque and \$150 educational research stipend. The ceremony was held at the University Alumni Center.

Michigan Epsilon, Michigan State University

Brother **Nicholas S. Whitehurst, '04**, organized one of the most successful campus-wide philanthropies during Greek Week. As an intern with the American Cancer Society, he organized various athletic and talent competitions raising over \$75,000. Michigan Epsilon raised over \$7,000 in corporate donations. The money will support Relay for Life, Area 8 Special Olympics, and the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Nebraska Gamma, University of Nebraska-Kearney

Braving the wind and blizzard, the chapter held its fifth annual Augie Nelson Golf Classic in early April. The tournament, which is the chapter's most successful alumni event, raised \$9,250 for the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) of Nebraska. Over a hundred golfers participated.

The Augie Nelson Golf Classic was created in honor of alumnus



August G. Nelson, '67, a survivor of two kidney operations. Augie is one of the chapter's founding members and key advisors.

Since the tournament's inception, SigEp has donated over \$30,000 to the NKF, with this year being the most successful. It has grown to be the largest individual philanthropy the Greek community hosts.

The Nebraska Gamma Chapter, along with the Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority, won the annual Greek Week. The Greek Awards Banquet marked the end of Greek Week, and Brothers **John R. Sands, '04**, and **Klinton C. Holscher, '03**, were honored as Greek Week God and Greek Man of the Year, respectively.

Missouri Alpha, University of Missouri-Columbia

Missouri Alpha partnered with Chevys Fresh Mex Restaurant to raise over \$16,000 for the Children's Hospital at the University of Missouri. For the past two years, the Children's Hospital and KPLA, a local radio station, host a three-day Radio-thon. At the end of the Radio-thon SigEp helped raise \$213,000.

New York Chi, Clarkson University

Every summer the Clarkson Alumni Association has a reunion celebration. The event brings over 1,000 people to campus. Over 30

SigEps returned to campus and volunteered to work the event. Sarah M. Carvel says, "SigEp's presence was not only appreciated by the Alumni Relations staff, but more importantly by returning alumni themselves...I received numerous compliments regarding their support and hospitality."

New York Epsilon, State University of New York-Buffalo

The Dance for Love is St. John Fisher College's annual 24-hour dance marathon. The money raised goes to the Teddi Project, a division of Camp Good Days and Special Times, to grant the last wishes of terminally ill children. The Dance for Love receives no funding and is run solely by volunteers. This year, 20 SigEps danced for the duration of the event. Raising over \$1,500 for Camp Good Days and Special Times, New York Epsilon won first place. Involvement with this specific charity goes back 12 years ago when Paul Sciaratta attended the camp after being diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease. He has been an active contributor ever since.

This summer Brother **Christopher P. Aliotta, '06**, will

participate in rowing for the prestigious camp Penn AC of Philadelphia. He and several other athletes around the nation and world will compete this summer at the national and international levels and hopefully will be among those selected to go to the world championships in Milan, Italy. Brother Aliotta will be coxing the elite eight and four who will be attempting to make the national team for worlds. His team will be racing at the United States Nationals and the Royal Canadian Henley.

New York Phi, Columbia University

On Saturday, April 19, 2003, SigEp, Kappa Alpha Theta, and the

Friends of Morningside Park organized a day of Easter activities for the Morningside Heights, Harlem, and Manhattanville communities. Held in Morningside Park, estimates ranged from 200 to 600 participants, and events included face painting, an egg toss, a bunny hop, and an egg hunt with 5,000 Easter eggs. The other attraction of the day was an appearance by the Easter Bunny **Jeffrey M. Engler, '05**. "It's incredibly rewarding," said Engler. "All these kids want to come and hug you."

TOP 30 UNDERGRADUATE MANPOWER

1. Florida	140
2. Purdue	136
3. Oklahoma	129
4. Texas A&M	118
5. Florida State	110
6. Kansas	108
7. Tennessee	108
8. Texas	108
9. Wisconsin	105
10. Western Michigan	104
11. St. Louis	104
12. Nebraska	104
13. Illinois	101
14. Loyola Marymount	98
15. Oregon State	98
16. Northwestern	97
17. Washington (St. Louis)	97
18. Kansas State	95
19. Dartmouth	95
20. Central Florida	94
21. Rutgers	94
22. Ball State	93
23. WPI	93
24. Kentucky	92
25. Bucknell	92
26. George Washington	91
27. Southeast Missouri State	91
28. Georgia	90
29. Richmond	90
30. Iowa	89

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SigEp Aids Fire Victims at The Ohio State University

In the early morning of April 13, a fire broke out in a house two doors down from the SigEp chapter house at The Ohio State University. Five students, none were SigEps, died in the ensuing blaze. **Kevin C. Grady, '05**, entered the house adjacent to the one on fire in order to wake up the residents, sparing them from smoke damage and possible death.

Grady directed the stranded residents into the chapter house, where the brothers of Ohio Gamma provided clothes, blankets, cell phones to call family members, and most importantly, consolation. The victims used the chapter facility to store goods salvaged from the fire.

In addition to providing support for the victims of the fire, the brothers of Ohio Gamma furnished refreshments for the firemen after they fought the



Kevin C. Grady, '05

flames, as well as for police officers who were on the scene. Furthermore, both the Red Cross and detectives used Ohio Gamma as a temporary headquarters until a perma-

nent site was established near the scene of the fire. Bill Hall, the Vice President of Student Affairs at The Ohio State University, was also present at the chapter facility during the early morning speaking with fire investigators.

Both University President Karen Holbrook and Vice President Hall expressed their deepest gratitude for the exemplary actions by the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Their deeds served as a benchmark for the Ohio State community.

Ohio Tau, Denison University

Jared C. Smith, '03, was recognized as the Greek Man of the Year and Chapter President of the Year. Greek Leader of the Year went to **Brendan J. Teague, '03**. Ohio Tau also had the Greek Athlete of the Year, **Ryan E. Mills, '03**, and Greek Scholar of the Year, **Jonathan S. Ellison, '04**.

Pennsylvania Gamma, University of Pittsburgh

During the recent Greek Week, the Greek community at the University of Pittsburgh donated \$100,000 to the Children's Miracle Network. Pennsylvania Gamma was a part of the success and placed second overall with third place showings in the Blood Drive, fund raising, and Greek Sing. The chapter was first in the overall Greek Olympiad.

Pennsylvania Delta, University of Pennsylvania

Recently at the Greek Awards banquet, Pennsylvania Delta received awards for outstanding recruitment, outstanding new member development, outstanding internal operations, and outstanding chapter. Alumni and Volunteer Corporation President **Brett R. Danko, '90**, was honored with the alumni award for his involvement with the chapter.

Pennsylvania Kappa, Bucknell University

Recently the chapter held a forum to discuss the situation in the Middle East. Faculty Advisor Stephen Stamos gave an overview of current events and fielded questions with over 60 chapter brothers attending.

At the Greek Awards Ceremony, SigEp received five awards including Chapter of the Year, Risk

Management, Highest GPA, and Outstanding Programming. Penn Kappa is the only chapter on campus to receive Silver Star status, the highest rating for an organization.

Pennsylvania Theta, Carnegie Mellon University

For the third consecutive year, SigEp won the Fraternity of the Year award. Brother **Paul A. Richelmi, '04**, was just elected President of the Mortar Board National Honor Society, and Brother **Leonard J. Lucas, '04**, was elected President of Pi Tau Sigma National Honor Society.

Daniel I. Gilman, '04, was elected as Student Body President, and Brothers **Christopher J. Watkins, '06**, and **James E. Hazelrig, '05**, will both serve on the Student Senate.

Tennessee Kappa, University of Tennessee-Martin

Four SigEps are interning at the state capitol during the spring semester. Brothers **Matthew W. Maxey, '05**, and **Kevin W. Teets, Jr., '06**, are working in the Governor's Office. Maxey works in the Legislative Office and Teets works in the Communications Office. Brother **Michael B. Baggett, '04**, works for Representative Mark Maddox of West Tennessee. Brother **John D. Lankford, '04**, works for Representative Leslie Winningham.

Washington Gamma, Eastern Washington University

Eli A. Ker, '04, was elected to serve as area representative for Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska, and British Columbia for the Western Regional Greek Association.

TOP 30 TOTAL LIFETIME MEMBERS

1	Florida	2513
2	Texas	2372
3	Purdue	2367
4	Nebraska	2225
5	Colorado State	2210
6	Auburn	2069
7	Tennessee	1973
8	Indiana	1962
9	West Virginia	1864
10	Oregon State	1857
11	Oklahoma State	1838
12	Washington	1811
13	Kansas State	1809
14	Delaware	1796
15	Michigan	1781
16	Illinois	1780
17	Kansas	1757
18	Colorado	1754
19	Ohio Northern	1742
20	Ball State	1724
21	Missouri	1698
22	Washington State	1671
23	Southern California	1664
24	Arkansas	1659
25	Miami (Ohio)	1640
26	Ohio State	1635
27	North Carolina State	1629
28	Iowa State	1620
29	Syracuse	1613
30	Oklahoma	1592

Wisconsin Theta, University of Wisconsin-Platteville

The chapter boasts the current Student Body President, Past President and Vice President, and six out of seven of the Past Student Body Presidents. For five consecutive years, SigEps lead the student government. The past three Segregated University Fee Allocation Commission Presidents have been SigEps. The current IFC President is a SigEp, as well as the Past Order of Omega President.

1,000 Men In 25 Years

By **Peterson D. Muntzel, '04**, pmuntzel@hotmail.com

On February 8, 2003, the Missouri Theta Chapter at Central Missouri State University, performed the Ritual for their 1,000th Brother, **Chris A. Hendrix, '06**. To mark this occasion, almost 70 undergraduates greeted over 90 alumni, including Founding Father **Howard J. Gross, '69**. After watching and participating in the Ritual for 18 new brothers, many alumni spoke of how proud they were to return and find their chapter still striving to be the best on campus.

The feeling in the room was inspiring, as Gross, took the floor and spoke about the Founding Fathers creating future success for the chapter. He said, "Probably the most important ingredient of our success was ensuring that we recruited and selected men who embodied our principles, were unselfish, were willing to roll up their sleeves and work hard, were risk takers, and understood the

meaning of brotherhood. This criteria for membership has been perpetuated through the years enabling Missouri Theta to attract great members who have propelled the chapter forward to achieve excellence. Additionally, while we wanted brothers who embraced our ideals, we wanted a diverse group of men who would bring various backgrounds and experiences to our brotherhood. We preached unity, selflessness, and respect for one another. There are 10 words that sum up many of the reasons for our success, and they were imparted to us by **Bedford W. Black (Wake Forest '41)**, the former Grand President. The words are simple but compelling: 'If it is to be, it is up to me!'"

Founded in 1968, Missouri Theta is 25 years-old and has constantly strived for excellence. It has received 11 Buchanan Cups, won the intramural championship for the past 14 years, and has received the campus Five-Star Excellence trophy more than any other fraternity.

Oregon Alpha, Oregon State

The Oregon Alpha Chapter is pleased to report that the chapter ended the 2002-03 number one in manpower and academics with a close second finish in intramurals. This fall SigEp recruited 34 new members with a cumulative 3.6 GPA. The new members recently won the annual flag football "Pledge Bowl," a competition hosted by the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. The games are played between the new members of each fraternity on campus. SigEp won with a combined score of 98-20.



White water rafting is one of Oregon State's most popular recruitment events.

Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse Spring 2003 A 2.939, SigEp is within striking distance of a 3.0 GPA!

Stanford pushes its GPA up to a 3.6, and Chicago is right behind. And both achieve chapter-wide GPAs above the Phi Beta Kappa standard.

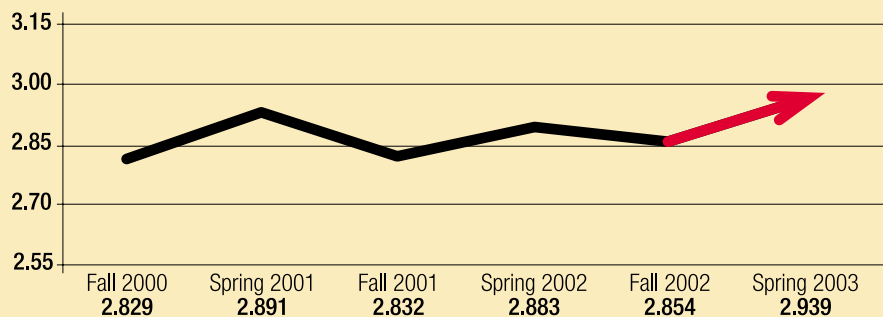
With 159 chapters reporting their spring 2003 GPA, SigEp has a Grand Chapter GPA of a 2.939. The following chapters with cumulative GPAs of 3.15 or higher are in the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse.

Grand Chapter GPA for 159 chapters reporting: 2.939

SCHOOL	GPA	MANPOWER
1. Stanford	3.63	39
2. Chicago	3.58	15
3. Columbia	3.47	47
4. Northwestern	3.41	97
5. Carnegie-Mellon	3.39	55
6. Georgia	3.38	90
7. Alaska-Anchorage	3.35	22
8. Miami (Florida)	3.34	66
9. St. Louis	3.33	104
10. Case Western Reserve	3.33	49
11. Valparaiso	3.31	72
12. Loyola Marymount	3.30	98
13. Penn	3.28	69
14. Toledo	3.26	56

SCHOOL	GPA	MANPOWER
15. Illinois	3.26	101
16. LaSalle	3.23	25
17. Florida	3.25	140
18. Denison	3.24	59
19. Ohio State	3.23	74
20. Johns Hopkins	3.21	59
21. Colorado State	3.18	49
22. Huntingdon	3.17	22
23. North Dakota	3.17	67
24. Babson	3.16	61
25. Rutgers	3.16	94
26. Texas	3.16	108
27. Moravian	3.15	41
28. Nebraska-Omaha	3.15	55

Grand Chapter GPA



Where is your chapter GPA, above or below the National Average?

You have a head start when you recruit men with high academic performance and who know why they have come to college.

How they achieve a Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse GPA

Ohio Gamma, The Ohio State University

One of the largest influences on the chapter's academics is its recruitment. Ohio Gamma will not recruit men with a GPA lower than a 2.7, and most of their recruits have at least a 3.0. If a promising recruit does not meet the academic standard, they tell him to come back after raising his GPA. Their motto in recruitment is, "Recruit men who are better and smarter than you." In the winter quarter, the chapter recruited four more men with a 4.0 GPA than in previous quarters.

Their chapter house is conducive to academic success. No alcohol is consumed in the common areas, which are kept clean, leading to fewer distractions. There is a study room with a computer that has high speed internet access. Most brothers spend time at the chapter house. Finally, they have study tables that are not mandatory, but those who spend time at the study tables earn points toward room selections in the chapter house. The prized rooms are given out based on overall GPA and participation in chapter events.



Welcome, Texas Alpha!

A newcomer to the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse, Texas Alpha involves its parents and alumni to achieve a high GPA. Every spring and fall there is a Parents Weekend in Austin and the chapter's Parents Association awards one-time scholarships to Brothers achieving a 4.0 for the previous term. This is a source of pride for the Brothers to receive this recognition in front of family and alumni. To help focus on academics the chapter rents a classroom on campus for study hours.

Undergraduates with Past Grand President and Order of the Golden Heart Recipient Gary E. Griffith, Texas '70, at the annual alumni reception.

Almost a quarter million Brothers

This fall semester, SigEp has reached two more milestones in manpower—Lifetime Members 246,000 and 247,000. Founded in 1901, SigEp is on track to reach 250,000 Lifetime Members. We are not the first fraternity to reach that landmark, but we are the youngest fraternity to reach it. Today, Sigma Phi Epsilon has the



Kristopher L. White, Washburn '06

largest number of living alumni and will have the most Lifetime Members, most chapters and continue to have the most undergraduates.

Life Member 246,000, **Kristopher L. White, Washburn '06**, is a junior from Great Bend, Kansas.

He transferred to

Washburn University, and at the encouragement of his best friend, **John W. Culver, '05**, got to know the Brothers of Kansas Delta. White's girlfriend's brother-in-law, **Brett E. Mesker, '95**, was also helpful in his decision to join SigEp.

When asked how it feels to be Brother 246,000, White said, "It is incredible—something I did not expect."

Life Member 247,000, **Michael V. Clawson, Eastern Washington '07**, is a freshman from Snohomish, Washington, who had no plans to join a fraternity. When he met our

chapter during the formal recruitment period, Clawson was impressed with what he saw. Clawson adds, "They are a great group of guys and I thought joining would be a good fit."

"Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore."

—ANDRE GIDE

Chapter News

LIFE ACROSS THE US

Recruitment Update

During the fall semester, several SigEp chapters put on heroic recruitment efforts. A sign of a quality chapter is one that recruits many men to its ranks. It takes a certain level of confidence, prestige, and organization to produce these results. How did they do it? They had a strong summer recruitment utilizing the Balanced Man Scholarship and execution of a formal recruitment (i.e., rush week) plan. Learn more by visiting www.sigep.org/recruitment. The following chapters represent the top recruiters for Sigma Phi Epsilon in the fall semester:

Oklahoma's 73 Newest SigEps



TOP RECRUITERS, FALL 2003:

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|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Oklahoma — 73 | 6. Texas — 38 |
| 2. Central Florida — 58 | 7. Oregon State — 36 |
| 3. Florida International — 46 | 8. TCU — 34 |
| 4. Tennessee — 46 | 9. Florida — 33 |
| 5. South Carolina — 41 | 10. UCLA — 32 |

Undergraduates at the 2003 Grand Chapter Conclave voted overwhelmingly to partner with YouthAIDS.

HIV

6,000 INFECTIONS OCCUR AMONG 15-24 YEAR OLDS

EVERY DAY

<http://www.youthaids.org/sigep>

SigEp & YouthAIDS

LEADING THE FIGHT TO SAVE YOUNG LIVES

Expansion Update

The 2003-2004 academic year is proving to be a milestone for SigEp's expansion team. To date, we have established new chapters at Tampa (dormant Florida Zeta), Rhode Island (dormant Rhode Island Beta), Northern Kentucky (dormant Kentucky Eta) and Utah State (dormant Utah Alpha).

For the spring semester, the Fraternity will be opening new chapters at:

- **California-Riverside**
January 4-25, 2004
- **Quinnipiac**
(Connecticut)
January 8-
February 8, 2004

- **Delaware** (dormant Delaware Alpha)
February 8-29, 2004
- **Stevens Institute of Technology**
(dormant New Jersey Alpha) March 21-
April 8, 2004

If you know of any community leaders, faculty members, alumni or undergraduates in Riverside, California, now is the time to get them involved. For a list of opportunities, contact Corey Adams at (804) 353-1901, extension 339, or via email at corey.adams@sigep.net.

Leading through others

by **Christopher T. Minnis**, Director of Leadership Programming

When this hits your mailbox, it is possible you are on your chapter's executive committee. As a newly elected officer, your chapter believes you are able to guide the chapter in the coming year. Whether it be recruitment, development, or some other noble pursuit, your Fraternity is looking to you to be more than just the next great VP.

Chapter officers work hard across the nation to make a difference. They take on extra burdens, plan vigorously, and manage chapter operations. Yet what your chapter hungers for most is leadership. They yearn for a leader who inspires and motivates them to achieve things beyond belief.

If you're like many, you have a ten-point plan geared to produce untold success and the domination of campus. Your plans are meticulous. You have thought of everything. But what about the rest of us?

As a leader in Sigma Phi Epsilon, you will gain valuable experience in the art of leading. Leadership begins with the others. It has been said that all that is needed to be a leader is a follower. Before you lead, you'll need to engage your brothers.

Three notes to make...

1 Leadership requires trust. Before you ask others to trust you, ask yourself to trust your brothers. Brother **Barry Posner, California-Santa Barbara '70**, sums it up in his work, *The Leadership Challenge*. "Individuals who are unable to trust others fail to become leaders, precisely because they can't bear to be dependent on the words and work of others."

Our natural instincts tell us to depend on ourselves, if you want something done right; you have to do it

yourself. With greater demands on our time (have you checked your cell phone, Palm, and scanned the internet while reading this article?), this mantra proves ineffective as leaders consume all of their energies, become burned out, and disengage from the chapter. We must share the load. Trusting others first tells your brothers, "you matter, and I want you with me." When faced with this assurance, your brothers will want to help. "I want to help make it a reality," a fellow brother says, "because you believe in me."

2 Leadership requires teamwork. As leaders, SigEps tend to bear the burden of the work alone. If our mission is clear and our purpose noteworthy, others will join the effort. If we share our power, our piece of the Fraternity, we'd be surprised by how much we can accomplish. We speak of burnout and frustration, yet we have not asked for help that is available. Teamwork requires a higher purpose that involves others to develop and implement new ideas and share in the victory of a job well-done. Trust in your brothers, set your sights high, and assign roles that match a member's abilities. Focus on their development and achievement and progress will naturally follow.

3 Leadership requires us to see it through. If you make a commitment, stick to it. If someone makes a commitment to you, hold them accountable. Trustworthiness is a trait gained through time and experience. It's tough, requiring courage and patience.



**"O tolmon
nika"**

He who
dares,
wins.

SPARTAN
MILITARY
SAYING

Applying the lessons of leadership, these undergraduates discuss common issues at the 2003 Ruck Leadership Institute.

But over time, we will all be better for your courage. Isn't that what a Fraternity is for...to build courageous men able to answer the call of leadership?

Leadership requires us to learn and grow constantly. This February, the Carlson Leadership Academy offers you the

opportunity to build upon your leadership talents. You'll learn from some of SigEp's best. By the end of the weekend, you will:

- Gain new techniques and best practices for your officer role
- Learn valuable techniques in managing projects
- Build an executive committee focused on achievement
- Develop your ability to enable others to build a better chapter for the future

For more information, please visit www.sigep.org/ccla. At SigEp, we *Play to Win*. Thomas Edison once said, "If we all did the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves." Together we can. See you at an Academy near you.

Regional Directors

PROVIDING A HIGH LEVEL OF SERVICE

Regional Directors 2003–2004

The Regional Director position is a special one. During the academic year, Regional Directors serve as consultants, coaches and mentors to chapters across the country. Sigma Phi Epsilon's Regional Directors are the best of recent graduates the Fraternity has to offer. Contact your Regional Director at (804) 353-1901. When prompted, enter the corresponding Voice Mail number.



2003-04 Regional Directors—Top row, left to right: Greg Barra, Adam Seiber, Luke Luttrell, and Marshall McGinnis. Middle row, left to right: David Graziano, Chris McCaw, and Dennis Paresa. Bottom row, left to right: Jason Cherish, Dennis Kaps, and Brian Clarke

Name: Gregory P. Barra
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Voice Mail: 349
Region: District of Columbia, North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia
The Fraternity's biggest challenge: Implementing the Balanced Man Ideal

Name: Jason A. Cherish
School: St. Louis
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Voice Mail: 347
Region: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont
Most memorable quote from his Mom or Dad: "Finish what you started."

Name: Brian T. Clarke
School: Cal Poly-Pomona
Email: brian.clarke@sigep.net
Voice Mail: 340
Region: Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania
Goal for SigEp over the next decade: Recruit and train the best volunteers to work with chapters.

Name: David J. Graziano
School: St. Johns
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Voice Mail: 342
Region: Arizona, New Mexico, and Southern California
Reason he wanted to be a Regional Director: To work with undergraduates, alumni and volunteers from many different experiences.

Name: Dennis O. Kaps
School: Ohio State
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Region: Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota
His greatest achievement in life: Helping raise his younger sister

Name: Luke D. Luttrell
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Region: Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas
Biggest challenge SigEp faces: Demolishing the Frat-boy Stereotype

Name: Christopher M. McCaw
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Region: Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee
Most memorable quote from his Mom or Dad: "You and all the celebrities have one thing in common-24 hours in one day."

Name: Marshall A. McGinnis
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Region: Michigan and Ohio
Biggest challenge SigEp faces: Recruitment

Name: Dennis K. Paresa
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Voice Mail: 321
Region: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina
Huge Goal for SigEp: All chapters and brothers living the Balanced Man Ideal

Name: Adam W. Seiber
School: Murray State
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Voice Mail: 343
Region: Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming
Goal for SigEp over the next decade: To be number one or two on every campus

Becoming a Regional Director

The Regional Director is one of many resources available to undergraduates, volunteers and alumni.

Applicants must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher, hold leadership positions either within the chapter or in a campus organization and have a proven track-record of creating positive change in SigEp. For more information, contact **Joe Capodanno** at joe.capodanno@sigep.net.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS BY CHAPTER

Since our first Traveling Secretary, **Clarence H. Freeark, Illinois '23**, 173 chapters contributed brothers as Regional Directors for the Fraternity. Here is a ranking of chapters by the number of Regional Directors coming from its ranks.

1. Oregon (10)	34. Florida State (3)	68. Monmouth (2)	102. Creighton	138. Northwood
2. Nebraska (8)	35. Lehigh (3)	69. Montana (2)	103. Davidson	139. Ohio
3. Western Michigan (8)	36. Michigan State (3)	70. Murray State (2)	104. Denver	140. Ohio Northern
4. Kansas (7)	37. Nebraska-Omaha (3)	71. New Mexico (2)	105. East Carolina	141. Ohio Wesleyan
5. Oklahoma (7)	38. Northern Iowa (3)	72. Ohio State (2)	106. Eastern Washington	142. Oklahoma State
6. Purdue (7)	39. Richmond (3)	73. Penn State (2)	107. Emporia State	143. Old Dominion
7. Washington in St. Louis (7)	40. Southeast Missouri State (3)	74. Pittsburgh State (2)	108. Florida International	144. Penn
8. Arizona (6)	41. Southern Mississippi (3)	75. Rhode Island (2)	109. Fort Hays State	145. Radford
9. Colorado (6)	42. UMASS (3)	76. Sacramento State (2)	110. Georgia Southern	146. Rutgers
10. Colorado State (6)	43. Washburn (3)	77. San Jose State (2)	111. Georgia Tech	147. San Diego
11. Indiana (6)	44. Washington (3)	78. Seton Hall (2)	112. Henderson State	148. San Diego State
12. Connecticut (5)	45. West Virginia (3)	79. Stetson (2)	113. Huntingdon	149. San Francisco State
13. Iowa (5)	46. Wyoming (3)	80. Syracuse (2)	114. Illinois State	150. South Carolina
14. Maine (5)	47. Ball State (2)	81. Tennessee Wesleyan (2)	115. Indiana of Pennsylvania	151. South Florida
15. Miami (Ohio) (5)	48. Boston (2)	82. Texas Christian (2)	116. Iowa State	152. Southern California
16. Texas Tech (5)	49. Bradley (2)	83. Utah (2)	117. Jacksonville	153. Southern Methodist
17. Virginia Tech (5)	50. Cal Poly-Pomona (2)	84. Washington State (2)	118. Johns Hopkins	154. St. John's
18. Arizona State (4)	51. California-Davis (2)	85. West Chester (2)	119. Kent State	155. St. Louis U
19. Central Missouri State (4)	52. Central Florida (2)	86. Wichita State (2)	120. Kentucky Wesleyan	156. St. Mary's
20. Cincinnati (4)	53. Central Michigan (2)	87. William & Mary (2)	121. Lamar	157. Stanford
21. Evansville (4)	54. Clemson (2)	88. Appalachian State	122. Lambuth	158. SUNY-Fredonia
22. Illinois (4)	55. Columbia (2)	89. Arkansas	123. Loras	159. SUNY-Oswego
23. Indiana State (4)	56. Dartmouth (2)	90. Arkansas State	124. Maryland-College Park	160. Temple
24. Kansas State (4)	57. Delaware (2)	91. Baker	125. Middle Tennessee State	161. Tennessee-Martin
25. Marshall (4)	58. Drake (2)	92. Barton	126. Middlebury	162. Thiel
26. North Carolina State (4)	59. Florida (2)	93. Baylor	127. Minnesota	163. Toledo
27. North Dakota (4)	60. Georgia (2)	94. Bowling Green State	128. Mississippi State	164. Tri-State
28. Oregon State (4)	61. Grand Valley State (2)	95. Carroll	129. Missouri-Columbia	165. Tufts
29. Texas-Austin (4)	62. Idaho State (2)	96. Case Western Reserve	130. Morehead State	166. UCLA
30. Truman State (4)	63. Lawrence (2)	97. Central Arkansas	131. Nebraska-Kearney	167. Valparaiso
31. Bucknell (3)	64. Memphis (2)	98. Chapman	132. New Mexico State	168. Villanova
32. California-Berkeley (3)	65. Miami (Florida) (2)	99. Clarion of Pennsylvania	133. North Carolina	169. Vincennes
33. California-Santa Barbara (3)	66. Michigan (2)	100. College of Charleston	134. North Texas	170. Western Carolina
	67. Michigan Tech (2)	101. Colorado School of Mines	135. Northern Colorado	171. Wisconsin
			136. Northern Illinois	172. WPI
			137. Northwest Missouri State	173. Youngstown State

What do President Bush and Mayor Bloomberg have in Common? SigEp Press Secretaries



Texas Alpha, Texas

Twice each day, the Press Secretary for the President holds a briefing with the media.

He stands in a room full of television cameras and reporters ready to answer hundreds of questions. His answers are broadcast instantly around the world. He is the face of the White House to the press, and today, he is a SigEp. On July 14, Brother **Scott K. McClellan, Texas Alpha, '90**, replaced Ari Fleischer as Press Secretary for President George Bush. McClellan previously served as Deputy White House Press Secretary. He began working for President Bush in 1999 as the Deputy Communications Director, when Bush was the Governor of Texas. During the 2000 Presidential Campaign, he served as the Traveling Press Secretary.

McClellan has been described as soft spoken and self deprecating, and is no stranger to the inner workings of

government. Brother McClellan comes from a family very involved with politics. His mother, Carole Keeton Strayhorn, is the Texas State Comptroller and former Mayor of Austin. In fact, McClellan is a three-time Campaign Manager for his mother. His older brother, Mark McClellan, is Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration and a former adviser to Bush. His grandfather was the law school dean at the University of Texas. When he was in the third grade, McClellan remembers talking into a loud speaker asking people to vote for his mother. Now, he discusses the President's plans for economic reform and foreign policy.



Pennsylvania Delta, Penn

He is tall, 6 foot 4 inches and, at age 30, he is quite young. His

fuse is short when it comes to a press corps perceived to embarrass rather than

report the facts. His temper has been likened to the comic book hero the Hulk. **Edward G. Skyler, Penn '95**, is the Press Secretary for Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of New York City, and aggressively defends the mayor in dealing with the press.

Skyler began his service to New York City in 1995. He graduated from Penn and worked at the Parks Department for four years. During this time, he served as Deputy Chief of Staff to Commissioner Henry J. Stern and later as the agency's Public Information Director. In 1999, he was appointed Deputy Press Secretary to Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani where he served as a spokesman, coordinated press conferences and coverage of the Mayor at various events, such as the Millennium Celebration in Times Square. The next year, he left the Giuliani Administration to work in the corporate communications group of Bloomberg LP. In June, he joined Michael Bloomberg's successful mayoral campaign where he served as its Press Secretary.

SigEp Loses One of Its Icons

J. Russell Pratt, Michigan and Purdue, '39, died peacefully on July 27, 2003, at his home in Chatham, New Jersey. His wife, Helen, daughter, and son-in-law were with him. Brother Pratt became a pioneer in fraternity housing when he, along with **Raymond C. McCron, Penn '43**, and **Lewis A. Mason, Syracuse '36**, founded the Sigma Phi Epsilon Housing Loan Board in 1959, to be funded by deposits made by undergraduate members to a Housing Loan Fund (HLF) and individual Chapter Investment Fund (CIF) accounts. In the 44 years since, the HLF and CIF have generated millions of dollars in loans and direct funding for chapter house construction and upkeep.

In 1965, Russ led the effort to establish an entirely separate National Housing Corporation (NHC) to administer



the funds and provide consultation for chapters. He served as NHC President from its chartering date in 1965 until 1981. He maintained his interests and involvement in the housing efforts right up to his death. In July, the NHC broke new ground again in fraternity housing by creating a method and funding to provide first mortgage loans at discounted rates by combining loans for commercial funding. The process will put more than \$15 million in new money into SigEp housing over the coming months.

On September 20, there was a memorial service in honor of Brother Pratt. Over 40 undergraduates and alumni from 10 different chapters were in attendance. They performed the Red Rose Ceremony for Brother Pratt. His legacy will benefit SigEp for many generations to come.

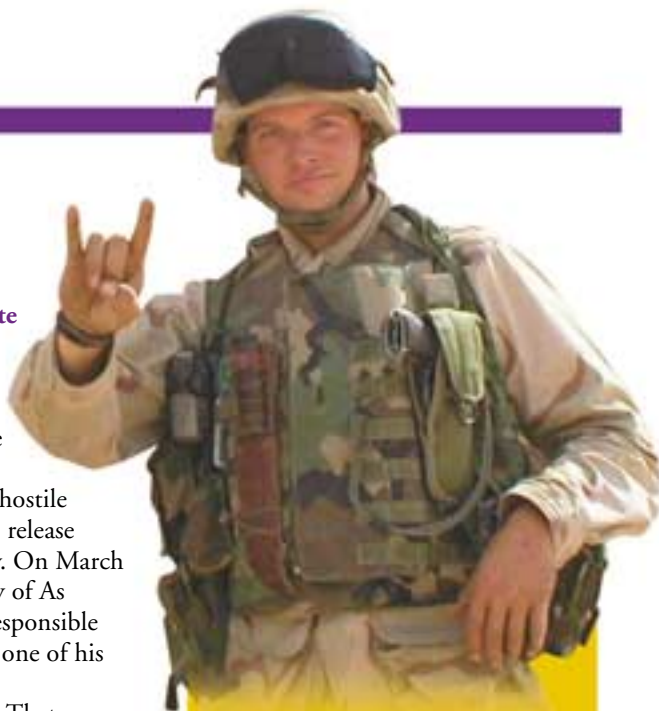
Continuing our coverage of SigEps in Iraq, The Journal has several more stories of brothers involved overseas.



Alabama Theta, Jacksonville State

J. S. Brannon, '93, received the Bronze Star Medal for his service during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Captain Brannon was awarded the medal for "heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force in Iraq," according to a press release from the Department of the Army. On March 23, during an operation in the city of As Samawah, Brannon was directly responsible for the retrieval and evacuation of one of his wounded scout platoon soldiers.

Several alumni from Alabama Theta served in Iraq and emailed pictures to *The Journal* of Major **John D. Hopson's, '91**, SigEp jersey. The jersey was taken to the Persian Gulf in 1991 during Operation Desert Storm and returned for Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Texas Alpha, Texas-Austin

J. Marshall Carroll, '97, saw some heavy combat as part of the unit that invaded Baghdad. During the melee, his commanding officer was wounded which thrust Carroll into the leadership role for his group of Marines. They were in a group of Humvee transports ambushed by the Iraqi forces. Mortar fire immobilized the transports, and he instructed the unit to take cover in a ditch by the road. The soldiers returned fire, long enough for Carroll to call in an air-strike using a Global Positioning System. Thanks to his quick thinking and poise, all of the men in his unit are alive.

"Freedom is the sure possession of those alone who have the courage to defend it."

— PERICLES



GRAND PRESIDENTS BY YEAR

<i>James E. Oliver</i> , 1902-03 Richmond '03	<i>Paul B. Slater</i> , 1956-57; 63-65 Southern California '30
<i>Delaware W. Scott</i> , 1903-05 West Virginia '03	<i>H. Bob Robinson</i> , 1958-59 Oregon State '20
<i>Robert R. Oliver</i> , 1905-06 Richmond '03	<i>Harry D. Kurtz</i> , 1959-60 Ohio State '37
<i>Nelson R. Cooney</i> , 1906-12 Ohio Northern '05	<i>C. Maynard Turner</i> , 1960-61; 65-67 Washington '22
<i>John C. Griffin</i> , 1912-16 Syracuse '03	<i>Bedford W. Black</i> , 1961-63 Wake Forrest '41
<i>Francis J. Knauss</i> , 1916-23 Colorado '05	<i>J. Edward Zollinger</i> , 1967-71 William & Mary '27
<i>Whitney Eastman</i> , 1923-26 Dartmouth '10	<i>Dr. R. Eric Weise</i> , 1971-73 Cincinnati '54
<i>Albert P. Dippold</i> , 1926-28 Cornell '03	<i>William A. MacDonough</i> , 1973-75 Washington & Lee '29
<i>Oscar E. Draper</i> , 1928-30 Washington State '19	<i>Jack D. Wheeler</i> , 1975-77 North Texas '61
<i>Charles L. Yancey</i> , 1930-32 George Washington '03	<i>John W. Hartman</i> , 1977-79 Missouri-Columbia '61
<i>Paul G. Koontz</i> , 1932-35 Missouri-Columbia '16	<i>Carl O. Petersen</i> , 1979-81 Muhlenberg College '49
<i>William M. Francis</i> , 1935-37 Delaware '07	<i>Robert M. Jones</i> , 1981-83 Pennsylvania '41
<i>James H. Corley</i> , 1937-40 California-Berkeley '26	<i>Frank J. Ruck, Jr.</i> , 1983-85 Michigan '46
<i>Rodney C. Berry, Sr.</i> , 1940-42 Virginia '16	<i>Wallace C. Doud</i> , 1985-87 Wisconsin '48
<i>Elden R. Hunt</i> , 1942-43 Michigan '19	<i>Donald C. McCleary</i> , 1987-89 Texas-Austin '71
<i>Charles R. Patch</i> , 1943-44 Colorado '12	<i>Dennis W. Bond</i> , 1989-91 Missouri-Columbia '65
<i>William L. Phillips</i> , 1944-45 Richmond '03	<i>Bruce H. Hasenkamp</i> , 1991-93 Dartmouth '60
<i>Judge Earle W. Frost</i> , 1945-46 Kansas State '20	<i>Michael C. Williams</i> , 1993-95 Memphis '69
<i>Robert L. Ryan</i> , 1946-47 California-Berkeley '25	<i>Gary E. Griffith</i> , 1995-97 Texas-Austin '70
<i>Walter G. Fly</i> , 1947-48 George Washington '25	<i>Norman E. Nabhan</i> , 1997-99 Purdue '71
<i>Larkin Bailey</i> , 1948-49 California-Berkeley '23	<i>William G. Tragos</i> , 1999-2001 Washington in St. Louis '56
<i>Charles S. Thompson</i> , 1949-50 Penn '14	<i>Dr. Edward H. Hammond</i> , 2001-03 Emporia State '66
<i>Dr. William C. Smolenske</i> , 1950-51 Denver '13	<i>Dr. James F. Robeson</i> , 2003-05 Cincinnati '59
<i>Luis J. Roberts</i> , 1951-52 Southern California '28	
<i>Frank H. Hamack</i> , 1952-53 George Washington '16	
<i>Robert W. Kelly</i> , 1953-54 NYU '29	
<i>J. Russell Pratt</i> , 1954-55 Michigan (Purdue) '39	
<i>Edwin Buchanan</i> , 1955-56 Ohio State '11	

Names in Italics are Deceased

CHAPTERS PRODUCING THE MOST GRAND PRESIDENTS

1. California-Berkeley (3)
2. George Washington (3)
3. Michigan (3)
4. Missouri-Columbia (3)
5. Richmond (3)

Florida Delta, Florida Southern

Over 20 alumni of the Florida Delta Chapter are organizing a reunion and fund raiser in New York City on November 21, 2003. The fund raiser is for fellow chapter Brother

Colyn L. Russell, '76. Russell suffers from Glioblastoma Multiforme, the most aggressive and deadly of all brain cancers with a prognosis of one year. The event is to both celebrate his life and help ease the financial burdens of multiple surgeries. To learn more about Brother Russell email **James W. Stratton, '76**, at

justratton1@msn.com, or **Thomas S. Smith, '76**, at tlsmitty@aol.com, or visit www.foreclosurebusters.net/colyn.



Left to right: Colyn L. Russell, Florida Southern '76, and James W. Stratton, Florida Southern '76 at a benefit for Russell.

Massachusetts Zeta, Tufts

On Father's Day, June 15, 2003, **Matthew A. Klainer, Tufts, '00**, dipped the rear wheel of his bicycle in the Pacific Ocean to start a 4,200-mile fund-raising ride across the United States of America in honor and memory of his father, Dr. Jeremy A. Klainer. Klainer's father passed away suddenly on April 17, 2002, just two months before he was to set off toward his goal of crossing America by bicycle. His

dream remains unfinished—a dream Matt plans to complete.

In addition to paying tribute to his father, this journey will also serve as a way to raise money for the scholarship the Klainer Family has set up at the University of Rochester Graduate School of Nursing in honor of the late Dr. Klainer. For additional information regarding Matt Klainer's journey, visit www.rideacross.com.

Ohio Nu, Cleveland State

Alan H. Beer, '82, was among the 17 people killed in the suicide bombing of a Jerusalem bus on June 11, 2003. The incident made worldwide news as a teenage bomber, disguised as an ultra-Orthodox Jew, boarded the bus armed with explosives. Beer was a native Cleveland and lived in Jerusalem. He had dual citizenship in the United States and Israel.

While attending Cleveland State University, he earned master's degrees in chemistry and computer science. He was pursuing a Ph.D. in chemistry at Case Western Reserve University at the time of his death.

Foundation

NEWS FROM THE SIGMA PHI EPSILON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

In the last issue of the *Journal of Sigma Phi Epsilon* there was a list of Brothers with 27 years or more of consecutive giving. This list received **tremendous positive feedback** since it recognized donor loyalty as well as generosity. Taking that feedback, we did some extra research and realized that several Brothers were left off the list.

The corrected list follows. (As of gifts received by 12/31/2002)

25 Years

Rudolf L. Bauer
Baldwin-Wallace College '55
Mearl R. Guthrie
Bowling Green State '48
James W. West
Bowling Green State '64
Rodney B. Swanson
Cal State - Sacramento '63
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U. of Wisconsin '66
Rudolph A. Ashton
Wake Forest U. '68
Neil C. Pascoe
Washington & Lee U. '33
R. Perry Huffman
Washington State '43
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Washington in St. Louis '67
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Western Michigan U. '61

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Colorado State '67
Gary D. Baker
Georgia Southern U. '71
Gerald A. Hall
Lewis & Clark College '58
Emerson L. Brown
Miami U. '53
Edmund J. Lis
Miami U. '51
David A. Detwiler
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Donald L. Kuhnsman
Muhlenberg College '48
Allan P. LeChard
Pennsylvania State '55
Gerald J. Soltas
Purdue U. '60

Howard W. Baumann
San Diego State '64
Ernest E. Rettberg
Temple U. '35
Frederick E. Barton
U. of Evansville '66
Ronald A. Schutt
U. of Maine '52
Shawn McKenna
U. of Maine '77
Newton H. Webb
U. of Michigan '49
Allan D. Warnath
U. of Pittsburgh '55
Frank H. Mater
U. of Richmond '54
Warren F. Chauncey
U. of Virginia '56
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U. of Wisconsin '48
Charles N. White
Western Michigan U. '62

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John R. Fiala
Indiana U. '57
Charles P. Lamm
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Past Grand President and OGH Recipient John W. Hartman, Missouri '61, is one of the Foundation's most loyal donors with 34 years of consecutive giving. He is also a key volunteer and is seen above facilitating at the Foundation funded Ruck Leadership Institute.

What do you think when you hear the words “Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation”



You probably know that alumni make contributions to the Foundation.

You know that the Foundation provides grants to the Fraternity for the programs that distinguish Sigma Phi Epsilon from any other college organization—programs like: the Ruck Leadership Institute, the Carlson Leadership Academies, the New Member Camp, the Balanced Man Quest to Greece, the Residential Learning Communities—and this is the short list!

Something you might not know is that every chapter in Sigma Phi Epsilon has a scholarship fund with the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation restricted for use by that chapter. In this article, we want to answer some of the most frequently asked questions about chapter scholarship funds, dispel any myths, and, hopefully, show how easy it is to use and contribute to your chapter's scholarship fund.

Does my chapter have a scholarship fund with the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation?

Yes. Every chapter in Sigma Phi Epsilon has a fund restricted for its use held by the Educational Foundation. This scholarship fund is a very important resource for chapters, but is only of value when it is used.

How did my chapter get this fund?

The Educational Foundation set up the fund for your chapter. Your Foundation has over 500 scholarship funds and endowments each with a specific purpose. SigEp is one of the only fraternities in the Greek world that has a Foundation that supports its chapters so extensively.

“If a man is proud of his wealth, he should not be praised until it is known how he employs it.”

—SOCRATES

Where did the money in my chapter's fund come from?

The money in a scholarship fund comes from alumni and friends who make a gift specifically for a chapter. Undergraduate chapters should include a yearly gift to their fund in their operating budget.

Does the money belong to my chapter?

Technically, when a donor makes a gift, it is made to the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation. It is your Foundation, though, and it holds gifts made for your chapter's scholarship fund restricted for use by your chapter. Even when a chapter is closed, the Foundation realizes its responsibility to the alumni of that chapter and holds the scholarship fund in trust for many years until the chapter is re-opened.

Can a chapter use all of the money in its fund?

No. The goal of a chapter scholarship fund is to provide a long-term resource. The gifts received for a scholarship fund become part of the principle of the fund which is never touched. The fund is invested with the rest of the Foundation's resources creating a very powerful portfolio. A chapter may access the return from this investment.

What is a return?

Scholarship funds generate an annual return just like a mutual fund. A percentage of the return is the amount available for an award in a calendar year. The percentage of the fund is determined annually by the Foundation Board of Trustees. The Trustees take their role very seriously and closely monitor the performance of all funds to ensure the highest possible return for chapters.

How can the annual return from a scholarship fund be used?

The IRS has very strict guidelines on how these funds may be used. Scholarship funds are used for just that: scholarships for tuition, books, and room and board while at college. The return is intended for the personal academic and leadership development of SigEp's undergraduate Brothers. Funds may not be used for chapter operations, dues, or parties.

How does a chapter access its fund?

The alumni corporation of the chapter is the gateway to access a chapter scholarship fund. When an award is decided, the alumni corporation contacts the Foundation and designates the recipient. The corporation authorizes the Foundation to make the award. The Foundation then processes the request and issues a check for the scholarship which is sent to a member of the alumni corporation for presentation. All scholarship requests must be approved by the alumni corporation.

Helping your foundation:

- **Undergraduates:** Realize that you have a tremendous resource through the Foundation. It is your responsibility to use this resource and make sure your chapter leaders know how it may be used.
- **Alumni Corporations:** If you are currently using your scholarship fund, keep it up. If you are not, or are not sure if you have a working agreement set up, contact the Foundation.
- **All Brothers & Parents:** It is your opportunity to build your chapter scholarship fund.

Can a fund be used for any kind of scholarship?

Each scholarship fund has a specific purpose agreed upon by the Educational Foundation and the chapter alumni corporation. The fund is governed by a *working agreement*: a simple document which outlines how a fund may be used setting forth award criteria, maximum and minimum awards, and the timeline for the selection of the recipients. Except in the case of endowments that are created for a specific purpose, the scholarship fund working agreement may be amended to meet the changing needs of a chapter. A fund is cannot make awards until it has a completed working agreement.

Is there an unlimited amount of money in my chapter's fund?

Each fund value is based on the gifts received and its investment performance. For a fund to produce a return it must have a minimum balance of \$2,500. Some chapters make the mistake of promising large scholarships without first checking their available return. A chapter should always consult its alumni corporation before announcing an award.

How do I check my chapter's fund balance and return?

Your best resource for information about your chapter's scholarship fund is your Regional Director. Regional Directors have special training and can advise chapters and alumni corporations on the proper use of chapter scholarship funds. Alumni corporations and alumni may also contact the Foundation at any time. Britt Dunaway, Director of Resources & Development, may be reached at (804) 353-1901 ext. 309 or via email at britt.dunaway@sige.org. The Foundation will have available returns and quarterly fund updates on its website in 2004.

To find out more

about your Educational Foundation, contact Britt Dunaway at (804) 353-1901 ext. 309 or via email at britt.dunaway@sige.org.

What do I do now?

The Foundation works very hard to manage chapter funds and to ensure chapters are using their funds properly. Still, the responsibility of supporting your Educational Foundation falls to **all** Brothers and friends of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

All Brothers: If you have questions about your fund, contact the Foundation.

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All Brothers & Parents: It is your opportunity to build your chapter scholarship fund. Some chapters have an annual return of over \$25,000 for use in scholarships – quite a resource. If every Brother and parent contributed to the chapter scholarship funds, all SigEp chapters could have such resources.

Your Foundation supports all chapters and the Fraternity as a whole. As the Fraternity grows, the demands for increased support from the Foundation also grow. Even though it is strong, the Foundation must constantly renew and grow its resources to keep making opportunities possible for our undergraduate Brothers. The Foundation needs the support of all Brothers, parents, and friends. This support can be through the chapter scholarship funds and through unrestricted giving.

The Foundation is **your** Foundation. All Brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon should feel free to contact the Foundation at any time.

2003 Chapter Scholarships

Chapter Scholarship or Endowment Name	School	Amount awarded
Arkansas Zeta Roach	University of Central Arkansas	\$425.00
California Delta	San Diego State University	\$1,700.00
Colorado Alpha Peyton	University of Colorado	\$1,000.00
Colorado Alpha	University of Colorado	\$1,250.00
Connecticut Alpha	University of Connecticut	\$1,000.00
D.C. Alpha Heckel/Pitt	George Washington University	\$350.00
Florida Alpha Alumni	University of Florida	\$2,200.00
Florida Beta Coachman	Stetson University	\$870.00
Florida Epsilon Scott	Florida State University	\$1,600.00
Florida Theta Chapter	Jacksonville University	\$250.00
Illinois Beta Chapter	Illinois Institute of Tech.	\$1,175.00
Indiana Alpha Clarke	Purdue University	\$1,050.00
Indiana Alpha Kettlehut	Purdue University	\$1,000.00
Indiana Alpha Nelson	Purdue University	\$200.00
Indiana Alpha Selke	Purdue University	\$1,425.00
Indiana Delta Dean Duncan	Indiana State University	\$6,850.00
Indiana Delta Long	Indiana State University	\$450.00
Indiana Zeta Balanced Man	Valparaiso University	\$7,000.00
Iowa Eta McCune	Loras College	\$500.00
Kansas Beta Chapter	Kansas State University	\$750.00
Kansas Beta Shiney	Kansas State University	\$700.00
Kansas Delta Hawkins	Washburn University	\$2,200.00
Louisiana Alpha Roach/Hydrick	Tulane University	\$400.00
Maryland Beta Chapter	University of Maryland-	\$500.00
Massachusetts Zeta	Tufts University	\$1,000.00
Balanced Man		
Michigan Beta Roach/White	Western Michigan University	\$400.00
Mississippi Alpha Roach/Caulfield	University of Mississippi	\$400.00
Missouri Eta Chapter	SW Missouri State University	\$250.00
New Hampshire Alpha Eastman	Dartmouth College	\$850.00
New Hampshire Gamma	University of New Hampshire	\$375.00
New Hampshire Gamma McConkey	University of New Hampshire	\$400.00
Ohio Eta Bright	Miami University	\$850.00
Oregon Alpha Dubach Graduate	Oregon State University	\$6,000.00
Oregon Alpha Dubach Undergraduate	Oregon State University	\$5,500.00
Oregon Alpha	Oregon State University	\$6,590.00
Pennsylvania Delta Balanced Man	University of Pennsylvania	\$375.00
Pennsylvania Delta Quinn	University of Pennsylvania	\$1,000.00
Pennsylvania Nu Carron	Thiel College	\$500.00
Pennsylvania Nu Centennial	Thiel College	\$500.00
Tennessee Alpha Panther	University of Tennessee	\$1,075.00
Tennessee Beta Williams	University of Memphis	\$500.00
Texas Delta Chapter	University of Houston	\$250.00
Texas Epsilon Roach	Lamar University	\$3,750.00
Utah Beta Zuhl	University of Utah	\$400.00
Virginia Alpha Phillips	University of Richmond	\$8,700.00
Virginia Eta Church	University of Virginia	\$1,000.00

The Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation has already provided \$206,000 in scholarship support in 2003. Of that amount, \$75,000 was for chapter scholarships provided by funds restricted for specific chapters.

You can help increase chapter scholarships by adding to your chapter's fund with a contribution to the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation earmarked for that purpose. Simply use the enclosed reply envelope. Under the line CHAPTER/CLASS YEAR indicate the name of the chapter you wish to support. You may also make your investment online at www.sige.org/foundation.

District Governors

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District Governors 2003–2004

The District Governor position is one of high esteem in the Fraternity. He is a distinguished alumnus appointed by the National Board of Directors to represent the Fraternity in one of 28 SigEp districts.

The District Governor works directly with each chapter's Alumni and Volunteer Corporation to ensure it is educated on its respective responsibilities, as well as the Fraternity's policies. The District Governor also attends ceremonial events, undertakes special assignments, and is a resource for chapters in

his district. He is expected to attend and participate in the Carlson Leadership Academies, chapter installations, and the Grand Chapter Conclave.

Responsible for assisting local A&VCs find and recruit new volunteers, the District Governor helps get interested brothers involved. Visit www.sigep.org/volunteering to see which chapter near you has a vacancy on its A&VC. Volunteer responsibilities are outlined as well so you can select a position that fits your schedule and needs.



District Governor for Northern Texas, Daniel W. McVeigh, addressing the crowd at the Alumni Reception during the Grand Chapter Conclave.

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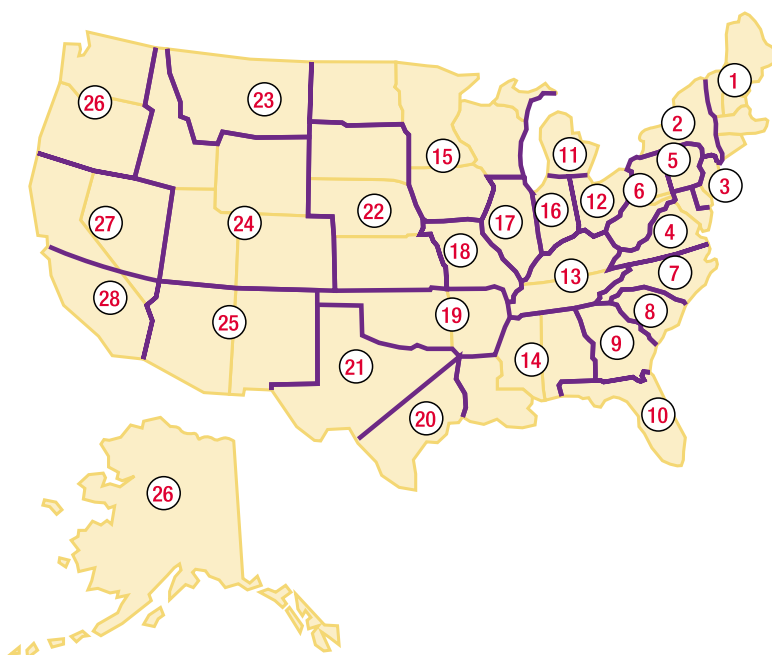
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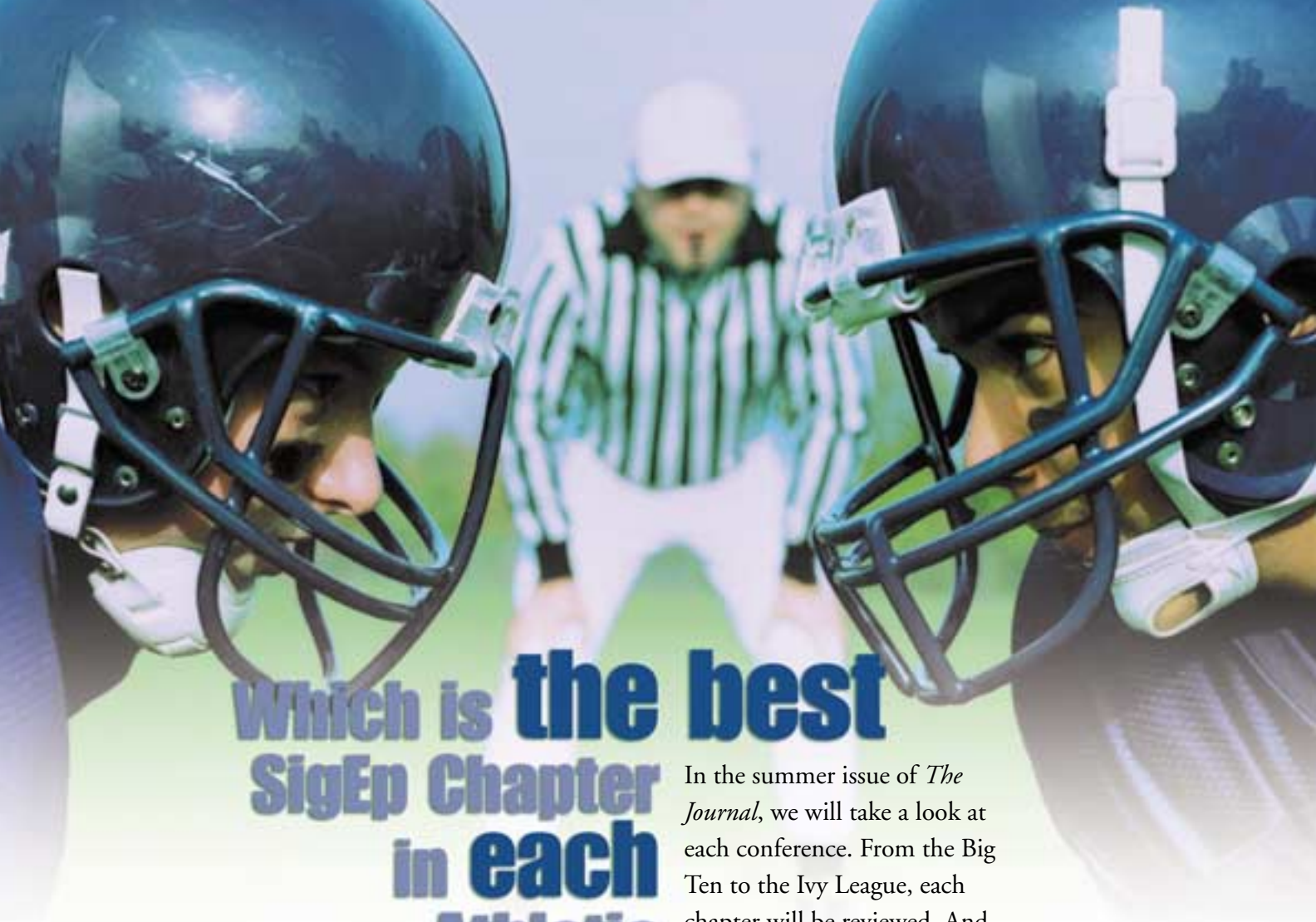
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